

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	50842	Agenda Number	9.
Meeting Date:	10/15/2015	Department:	Finance	
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to provide for the collection of the City's alcohol permit fee in the amount of \$95,000.04, and renewed annually subject to future appropriations.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget for the FSD Controller's Office.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

State law provides the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) with the authority to regulate all aspects of alcoholic beverage manufacture, distribution, transportation and on-premises consumption in the State of Texas. Section 11.38 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code allows local governing bodies the right to levy and collect fees equal to one-half of the State Fees paid to TABC for certain licenses and permits issued within the county, city or town. Both the City and Travis County collect alcohol permit fees under this authority.

The work performed and infrastructure required by the City and Travis County is largely duplicative, with most of the work performed by each entity is also being performed by the other. This interlocal agreement reduces the administrative burden of compliance on local businesses through the unification of alcohol permit fees for all businesses subject to both the City and Travis County alcohol permit fee requirements. Much like property taxes, the alcohol permit holder will receive a unified permit fee billing including both the City's and Travis County's alcohol permit fees, and will submit one payment to cover both billings. The consolidation will make fee payment less confusing and more efficient for businesses.

The intent of this interlocal agreement is to streamline the payment and collection of alcoholic permit fees for the taxpayer, the City and Travis County. The interlocal agreement will unify the permit fee billings, reducing time consumed in interactions between the City and local businesses and decreasing the overhead costs of maintaining duplicative systems by the City and Travis County.