

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	63789	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2016	Department:	Emergency Medical Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District (ESD) # 2 that authorizes the Emergency Medical Services Department to provide dispatch services for ambulances being added by ESD # 2 for a 12 month term beginning on October 1, 2016 in exchange for payment of \$20,000 per unit per year by ESD # 2.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Emergency Service District (ESD) # 2 provides emergency fire and medical protection to the Pflugerville area and surrounding community. ESD # 2 is a member of the Austin – Travis County EMS System. The City of Austin EMS Department is partnering with ESD # 2 to provide dispatch and monitoring services of ambulances being added by ESD # 2 within their jurisdiction. ESDs are established under the authority of Chapter 775 of the Health and Safety Code in areas in need of emergency services. They may collect taxes with certain caps to support their functions. ESDs may provide services directly or contract with service providers for fire and EMS protection.

The EMS Department is currently the only entity in Travis County managing all incoming 911 calls for emergency medical services and dispatching all current ambulance resources to those calls. This agreement will allow for centralized coordination of resources as ESD # 2 adds ambulances to its service delivery model and will ensure that duplication of efforts are minimized between the two entities.

Approximately five years ago the EMS Department determined that the Pflugerville area was in need of at least four full time ambulances. Since that time, Travis County has provided funding to increase EMS protection for up to two 24-hour ambulances. In an effort to meet growing community needs, ESD # 2 is adding one more ambulance to enhance EMS availability with plans to add another when funding becomes available. At the present time, all ESD # 2 personnel have completed the standard requirements from the Austin-Travis County Office of the Medical Director to practice at their level of credentialing. The EMS Department has been collaborating with ESD # 2 to maintain system integration. Providing dispatch services for the ESD # 2 ambulance will assure the most efficient use of emergency medical resources and the fastest response to citizens in need.