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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	67607	Agenda Number	12.
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Meeting Date:	2/2/2017	Department:	Management Services
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Subject

Approve a resolution consenting to the creation of the proposed Travis County Emergency Services District No. 15.

Amount and Source of Funding

No funding will be required from the City.

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

On January 9, 2017, the City received a request from a number of Travis County citizens that the City consent to the creation of a new emergency services district. The citizens requesting such consent have petitioned the Travis County Commissioners Court (the Commissioners Court) for the creation of the new emergency services district. Because a portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction is within the proposed district's boundaries, the City must consent to the inclusion of this area within the district in order for it to be included within the district. The proposed new district will be known as Travis County Emergency Services District No. 15 (ESD 15).

If created, the boundaries of ESD 15 will be identical to the boundaries of existing Travis County Emergency Services District No. 11 (ESD 11). Thus, ESD 15 will be an "overlay" district with ESD 11. ESD 15 is proposed for the purpose of providing fire prevention and firefighting services within the boundaries of ESD 15. ESD 11, which currently provides fire prevention and firefighting services, will no longer provide those services, but will continue providing first responder emergency medical services and services related to the provision of emergency medical services.

If the Commissioners Court grants the petition and orders an election to confirm the creation of ESD 15, state law (subsection 775.018(g) of the Health and Safety Code) requires that ESD 11 provide, prior to such election, a statement of services that specifies the types of emergency services it will provide or continue to provide.

The area is currently provided firefighting services primarily by ESD 11, and through an Auto Aid Agreement with the Austin Fire Department (AFD). The Auto Aid Agreement between AFD and ESD 11 provides "closest unit response" to both ESD 11 and City of Austin full-purpose jurisdiction. This results in ESD 11 units responding into the City's full-purpose and AFD responding into ESD 11 territory to provide firefighting services to residents.

The Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department (A/TCEMS) provides emergency medical services to ESD 11 residents, including transport to the hospital.

This item is in response to the request by Council to delay consideration of the annexation of the HOLT-CAT Tract as part of the 2016 annual annexation program. Concerns had been raised by ESD 11 with regard to the reduction of tax revenue and its impact on ESD 11's operating budget. The postponement of the annexation to the 2017 annexation plan allowed ESD 11 additional time to make accommodations and necessary adjustments. The creation of ESD 15 will provide additional revenue to offset the loss of property and sales tax from the potential annexation of the HOLT-CAT Tract to be considered later this year.

Impact to City of Austin Services

The proposed ESD 15 does not overlap with the City's full-purpose boundary but it does overlap slightly with the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and limited purpose boundaries.

This proposal will not impact service delivery for the AFD since AFD is responsible for the City's full-purpose jurisdiction and not ETJ or limited purpose. Service delivery to non-full-purpose City areas in south east Travis County is the responsibility of ESD 11.

This proposal will not impact service delivery for the A/TCEMS's since this proposal is for fire prevention and firefighting only (IV . Services to Be Provided, Item 1)