OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 6/8/17
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Fire Department
FUND: General Fund

SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a service agreement compensating the City for providing fire services within Travis County Emergency Service District #4.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT: The Austin Fire Department will bring forward an FY 2017 operating budget amendment to an upcoming Council agenda to appropriate funds to train ESD 4 personnel and to purchase protective gear and equipment and fully off-set by ESD 4 payment for services. Any increase in expenditures will be fully reimbursed by ESD #4 for a net impact of zero to the City of Austin.

ESTIMATED FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
AFD Cost to Provide Service	\$386,215	\$4,243,002	\$4,412,722	\$4,589,231	\$4,772,800
ESD 4 Payment for Service	\$386,215	\$4,243,002	\$4,412,722	\$4,589,231	\$4,772,800
Net Impact to City of Austin	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Austin Fire Department (AFD) and Travis County Emergency Services District #4 (ESD #4) are entering into an interlocal agreement to allow AFD to respond to calls for service within ESD #4 jurisdiction. AFD shall provide fire protection to the ESD #4 service area for a yearly fee for the personnel, operations, and maintenance of two ESD fire stations beginning in FY 2018. AFD operating costs include salaries and benefits for 30 firefighters, overtime, facility and fleet maintenance, and AFD personnel support along with City of Austin overhead support costs. The personnel and operating costs included in the interlocal agreement will be incorporated into the FY 2018 budget and be fully offset via a payment for services from ESD #4. AFD will also bring forward a FY 2017 budget amendment to train qualified ESD #4 personnel and the purchase of protective gear and equipment fully offset by payment from ESD #4. This interlocal and future budget amendment will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund in FY 2017 or future fiscal years as all costs will be fully reimbursed by ESD #4.