



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1151, **Agenda Item #:** 82.

1/26/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution consenting to the creation of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13.

Lead Department

Management Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. No funding will be required from the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On December 14, 2022, the City received a request from residents that the City consent to the creation of a new emergency services district. The citizens requesting such consent have petitioned the Williamson County Commissioners Court (the Commissioners Court) for the creation of the new emergency services district that will overlap existing Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD 1). Because portions of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction are within the proposed district's boundaries, the City must consent to the inclusion of this area within the district for it to be included in the district.

The proposed new district will be known as Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 13 (ESD 13). If created, the boundaries of ESD 13 will be identical to the boundaries of existing ESD 1. Thus, ESD 13 will be an "overlay" district with ESD 1, as recognized and permitted by state law. ESD 13 is proposed for the purpose of providing emergency medical services in response to any emergency situation in accordance with the authority granted to emergency services districts under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, but the new ESD 13 will not provide any services already provided by existing ESD 1, as set forth in the statement of services to be provided in accordance with section 775.018(g) of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

ESD 1 currently provides emergency medical services within the ESD 1 boundaries. If the Commissioners Court grants the petition and orders an election to confirm the creation of ESD 13, state law (subsection 775.018(g) of the Health and Safety Code) requires that ESD 1 provide, prior to such election, a statement of services that specifies the types of emergency services it will provide or continue to provide. Neither Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) nor the Austin Fire Department (AFD) provide services to ESD 1 residents. Moreover, ESD 1 and the City do not have an automatic aid agreement. Thus, this proposal to create ESD 13 will not impact service delivery or operations for ATCEMS or AFD.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.