



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4006, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of interlocal agreements with various governmental agencies to lend public safety equipment for an initial term of up to five years, with two subsequent optional renewals of five years each, to support agencies that cooperate with the City's public safety departments in the provision of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services equipment, to include electronic, vehicular, portable, and fixed communications equipment in times of emergency or for purposes of mutual aid and interoperability.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

The Council approved a similar ordinance on September 22, 2011, which limited the total term of the interlocal agreements to five years. This RCA increases the total term to 15 years.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

During emergencies and often for day-to-day operations, City public safety agencies collaborate with other government agencies and political subdivisions in the delivery of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services which benefit the residents of the City. To provide a seamless interface for the delivery of such services, it is often necessary to ensure dependable communications interoperability. Accordingly, City public safety equipment loans are made through interlocal agreements.

Presented here is an illustrative loan scenario: the City recently replaced 20-year-old AC backup generators at radio tower sites due to their age. The options for the replaced generators include: 1) auctioning them for minimal revenue due to their age, 2) scrapping them for metal recycling, or 3) loaning them to Travis County Emergency Service Districts to power fire/EMS stations within the City limits. This third option is the most beneficial, as the loaned AC backup generators, which remain City property in inventory, continue to benefit the residents of the City. The Emergency Service Districts would be responsible for maintaining the generators to City standards.