

## AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

**Fire  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

---

**Subject:** Authorize the ratification of an Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Service District Number 9 (TCESD#9) to enable the City to pay TCESD #9 \$77,927.38 for fire protection and emergency response services provided to certain parts of the City in 2007, and authorize negotiation and execution of the Amendment Number 1 of the Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance for a one-year term, commencing January 1, 2008 for an annual amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, with up to three one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$477,927.83.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$77,927.83 for calendar year 2007 service is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the one-year renewal terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Jim Evans, 974-0132; Antonio Gonzalez, 974-4115

---

The City of Austin and TCESD# 9 have had first responder contracts in effect for some areas since the 1980's. In 2006, the Fire Department determined that its first responder contract with TCESD# 9 had expired and executed an Automatic Aid Agreement that included the following areas: Woods of Westlake, Woods of Westlake Renaissance and West Rim.

The Agreement was executed on September 6, 2006 with an effective date of January 1, 2007 and was written to renew automatically each year unless terminated by one or both parties. Amendment Number 1 revises the Agreement to renew it for 2008, establish options to renew for up to three additional one-year terms and set a not-to- exceed annual contract amount of \$100,000 per one-year term.

The Fire Department Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 Operating Budget includes funding to compensate TCESD# 9 for service provided to the above described areas in calendar year 2007, but City Council approval is required because the amount exceeds \$50,000.00. The compensation amount due to TCESD# 9 for providing service to the Woods of Westlake, Woods of Westlake Renaissance and West Rim areas in 2007 is \$77,927.83.

Original cost was not anticipated to exceed the City Managers spending authority and therefore the agreement was not taken to City Council for its approval. The reimbursement cost for TCESD # 9 providing service to the City of Austin areas is calculated as follows:

- AFD annually determines the total Travis County Appraisal District assessed valuation of all the service area properties that TCESD#9 responds to in accordance with the agreement.
- The total assessed valuation is then multiplied by the TCESD# 9 tax rate (currently .08 per \$100.00) to determine the annual cost of the service. The total 2007 assessed valuation of the service area properties was \$97,409,223.00.  $\$97,409,223.00 \times .0008 = \$77,927.83$ .