

AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Emergency Medical Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 22

Subject: Authorize execution of renewal and amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Travis County to provide ground emergency medical services in areas of Travis County outside the City's corporate limits and support services to Travis County's STAR Flight program for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2010, in exchange for payment of \$11,937,253 by Travis County.

For More Information: Ernesto Rodriguez, EMS Director at 972-7203.

Prior Council Action: The most recent Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for ground EMS services was approved by City Council on September 24, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and was renewed for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 on January 14, 2010.

The EMS Department has been providing emergency medical services to Travis County for over thirty years. The most recent Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for ground EMS services was approved by City Council on September 24, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and was renewed for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. One 12-month renewal term is available for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. EMS has continued to provide services to the County since October 1, 2010 under a holdover agreement.

This renewal addresses the City's provision of ground EMS services to those areas of Travis County that are located outside the City of Austin's corporate limits. The monthly ground EMS fee to be paid to the City will increase to \$994,771.08 from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 rate of \$903,855.66. Travis County reimburses the City for these ground services through a flat monthly rate that corresponds to the annual operating budget for EMS. The renewal agreement adjusts this monthly fee for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to correspond with the amended operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Travis County will also reimburse the City in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for one-time capital equipment costs associated with the implementation of two new Peakload Units located in the County.

This agreement also addresses the City's support of the County's STAR Flight air ambulance program. The City continues to provide medical direction, call taking, and flight dispatch for STAR Flight. This agreement requires the County to pay the City \$1,725.00 per month for support services provided to STAR Flight.

This renewal will exercise the second and last available renewal of the original agreement.