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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20696	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	1/17/2013	Department:	Municipal Court
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to continue participation in a program that facilitates DPS withholding defendant's drivers license renewals for failure to appear or comply with Municipal Court orders. This interlocal agreement is for a term of one year and will renew annually.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is through a court fee paid by Municipal Court defendants. No city funds are used for this program.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Last agreement was approved on December 11, 2003
For More Information:	Rebecca Stark, Clerk of the Municipal Court, 512-974-4690
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The DPS has requested that the City enter into a new interlocal agreement to continue to withhold driver license renewals for persons with eligible delinquent cases. Eligible cases include cases in which defendants fail to appear or fail to comply with judicial orders in a timely manner. During the last fiscal year, 23,492 holds were placed on driver license renewals and 17,402 were cleared due to defendants resolving their cases.

There is no cost to the City for this program. The defendants pay a \$30 fee, of which \$20 is remitted to the DPS, \$6 is remitted to the vendor (Omnibase) that administers the program for DPS, and the City retains \$4. Last fiscal year, an amount of \$267,317.03 was remitted to DPS, \$53,463.41 was remitted to Omnibase, and the City retained \$35,642.27.