

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: **024**

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining years of the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Prior Council Action	<p>On June 15, 2017 Council approved the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the existing interlocal agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records to extend the term for 12 months beginning September 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a total revised agreement not to exceed \$605,000 on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Houston’s second on an 11-0 vote.</p> <p>On November 8, 2012 Council approved the original 12-month interlocal agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$120,000 per extension option on Mayor Pro Tem Cole’s motion, Council Member Morrison’s second on a 7-0 vote.</p>
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, 512-972-5486; Sandra Lackey, Registrar of Vital

	Records, 512-972-5220; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.
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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this interlocal agreement will allow Austin Public Health, Office of Vital Records (OVR) continued access to the vital records database maintained by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The OVR provides certified copies of birth and death records. Access to the DSHS database will allow OVR staff to issue certified copies of birth certificates for individuals born in Texas.

The birth certificates issued via this database employ a State-mandated security format that helps prevent identity theft and other types of fraud by restricting the personal information printed on the birth certificate. The OVR has been successfully using this database since 1997.

Based on current usage, the OVR estimates that it will use the database to access and print approximately 10,000 birth certificates during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.