

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018

Item Number: 015

Municipal Court

Approve negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to withhold vehicle registrations for people with outstanding traffic warrants, fines, and unpaid red light camera cases for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year.

Lead Department	Municipal Court.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Municipal Court's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Operating Budget.
Prior Council Action	The original agreement was signed in March 2008 and the current agreement, per Council Resolution No. 20130117-027 signed in July 2013.
For More Information	Monica Miranda, Municipal Court 512-974-4692.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2008, the City entered into an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to participate in a “Scofflaw” program that involves withholding vehicle registration renewals on eligible delinquent cases in an effort to gain compliance with court orders. The current agreement was entered into in 2013. Eligible cases include delinquent traffic and red light camera cases. A file of eligible records is created from the Municipal Court’s

case management system (CMS) and sent to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV). The cases are flagged in TxDMV's system to withhold renewal and then the hold is released when the case is resolved. Last year, 1,418 cases were flagged and 460 holds were released at a cost of about \$6,000. The Municipal Court estimates that \$88,716 in additional revenue was collected by the City as a result of this program.

The TxDMV, took over the responsibility of regulating vehicle ownership and registration from the Department of Transportation in November 2009. The TxDMV has requested a new interlocal agreement with the City to continue the City's participation in the program.