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Thursday, April 27, 2006

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**Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

ITEM NO: 5

Subject: Authorize written consent to the creation of the proposed Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 9 for a period of six months.

Amount and Source of Funding:

Fiscal Note:

Additional Backup Material
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No Attachments Available

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The Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department which serves the unincorporated portions of Williamson County surrounding the City of Round Rock has filed a petition with the County Judge of Williamson County to create Emergency Services District No. 9 in Williamson County. The creation of the district will be placed on the ballot for the May 2006 uniform election date.

Chapter 775 of the Health and Safety Code sets forth the requirements for the creation, operation and dissolution of Emergency Services Districts. Permission must be obtained from cities with territory or extra-territorial jurisdiction within the proposed District; the County Commissioners must call for an election to create the District; and the voters within the territory of the proposed District must vote to approve the creation of the District.

Section 775.014 of the Health and Safety Code governs the creation of a District that includes municipal territory, and before the district may be created a written request to include such territory must be presented to the municipality's governing body. This territory may not be included in the district unless the municipality's governing body gives it written consent on or before the 60th day after the date on which the municipality receives the request. If consent is granted, it expires six months after the date it was given.

If consent to inclusion is not granted within the 60-day period, a petition from the area proposed for inclusion in the District may be filed with the municipality requesting that the municipality provide the fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services. If the municipality's governing body refuses or fails to act within six months of the receipt of the petition, the governing body's refusal or failure to act constitutes consent for the area to be included in the proposed emergency services district.

A small area of Austin's Limited Purpose and 2-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction extends into the unincorporated portions of Williamson County served by the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department. Representatives of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department are requesting written consent from Austin to allow creation of a District that includes a portion of Austin's Limited Purpose and 2-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction. Staff recommends approval of the consent for the creation of the first Emergency Services District No. 9 in Williamson County.