



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2081, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Approve negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County, through Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for sign language interpretation services for Austin Public Health and Municipal Court, to include Computer Assisted Realtime Transcription services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43,500 annually.

Lead Department

Municipal Court

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 23, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 20140123-27, authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County, through Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for sign language interpretation services for the Health and Human Services Department and Municipal Court in an amount not to exceed \$43,500 annually. The item passed on a 6-0 vote, with Mayor Leffingwell was absent.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

In 2014, the City entered into an interlocal agreement with Travis County through which the County provides sign language interpreters for Municipal Court and Austin Public Health. Travis County has now agreed to also provide Computer Assisted Realtime Transcription (CART) services to Austin Public Health and Municipal Court, as requested by City, and this amendment to the agreement memorializes the Parties' agreement concerning the County's provision of these CART services.

The Municipal Court utilizes interpreter services at the Municipal Courthouse, the Downtown Austin Community Court and Central Booking. The Court is statutorily required to provide verbatim translation for defendants by persons certified by the State of Texas to translate court proceedings in the State of Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.