



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1006, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

1/27/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution consenting to the creation of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17.

Lead Department

Management Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. No funding will not be required from the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On December 10, 2020, the City received a request from residents that the City consent to the creation of a new emergency services district. The citizens requesting such consent have petitioned the Travis County Commissioners Court (the Commissioners Court) for the creation of the new emergency services district. Because portions of the City's limited purpose annexed jurisdiction and extraterritorial jurisdiction are within the proposed district's boundaries, the City must consent to the inclusion of this area within the district in order for it to be included within the district. The petitioners must also seek consent from the cities of Pflugerville, Round Rock, Manor, Hutto, and Taylor because the District will generally include the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of those cities as well.

The proposed new district will be known as Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 (ESD 17). If created, the boundaries of ESD 17 will be identical to the boundaries of existing Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD 2). Thus, ESD 17 will be an "overlay" district with ESD 2, as recognized and permitted by state law. ESD 17 is proposed for the purpose of providing emergency medical services in response to any emergency situation in accordance with the authority granted to emergency services districts under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, but the District will not provide any services provided by the existing Travis County ESD 2 as set forth in the statement of services to be provided in accordance with Section 775.018(g) of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

ESD 2 currently provides emergency medical transport services within the ESD 2 boundaries. If the Commissioners Court grants the petition and orders an election to confirm the creation of ESD 17, state law (subsection 775.018(g) of the Health and Safety Code) requires that ESD 2 provide, prior to such election, a statement of services that specifies the types of emergency services it will provide or continue to provide. The Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department (ATCEMS) provides emergency medical services to ESD 2 residents only as back-up to ESD 2 under the terms of the existing interlocal agreement with Travis County for emergency medical transport services within Travis County. Thus, this proposal will not impact service delivery or operations for ATCEMS.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety