



Legislation Text

File #: Ordinance 31-2017, **Version:** 3

Agenda Date: 10/17/2017

Subject:

An ordinance on second reading authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District

Presented By: Steve Kemp, City Attorney

POLICY QUESTION:

Does city council support an ordinance authorizing the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services?

BACKGROUND:

This was presented before the Council as a general business item to instruct the City Attorney to work with staff to bring to council an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District for Fire and Emergency Services. The instruction was to amend Paragraph 5 of the Agreement to allow Dispatch Services to be provided through an intergovernmental user agreement with the South Metro Fire and Rescue District and for the parties to agree to be billed separately for and pay directly to South Metro Fire and Rescue District the costs of dispatch services.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

As previously presented to the Council on September 19, 2017, a dispute has arisen between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District regarding the adequacy and cost of dispatch services for Fire and Emergency Medical Services under the current Intergovernmental Agreement. The dispute was mediated by Mr. John E. Hayes, Esq. The report was addressed in the council communication presented to council as a general business item on September 19, 2017

Based on the recommendation of Mr. Hayes and the report of the City Attorney, the council instructed the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District for fire protection and emergency medical services. The amendment would permit the three parties to use a third party for dispatch services under the Agreement.

In accordance with that direction, an amendment to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement was prepared to amend paragraph 5 to accomplish the council direction. The ordinance authorizing the amendment is now before the council for first read. This amendment is designed to work with the Intergovernmental User Agreement which is also on the Council Agenda for first reading with the South Metro Fire and Rescue District

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

Option A: Approve the Ordinance on First Reading to authorize execution of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District

Option B: Reject the Ordinance on First Reading to authorize execution of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The estimated cost savings to all parties in FY 2018 are approximately \$400,000. Future years cost adjustments will be based on the Metropolitan Denver Consumer Price Index as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. This will also result in a positive impact on the City's expenditure limit under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights as the revenue received from the other entities will not be included in the City's revenue limit for expenditure purposes in FY 2018 and subsequent years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and Council approve the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the ordinance on second reading authorizing the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Littleton, Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District.