



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 06/04/2024

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF THE TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND HEALTH AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION
121.033**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court appoint a director of the Tarrant County Public Health Department (TCPH) and Health Authority.

BACKGROUND

Under section 121.033 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Commissioners Court appoints the director of Public Health, and if the person appointed as director is a physician, he or she also serves as the Health Authority for Tarrant County.

The director of Public Health serves as its chief administrative officer, running its day-to-day operations. The Health Authority performs statutorily prescribed duties under Health and Safety Code section 121.024 to maintain the public health, including but not limited to enforcing quarantines, aiding in general sanitation, and reporting the presence of contagious diseases to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kandice S. Boutte
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