



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO TERMINATE
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE
CENTER CONCERNING TARRANT COUNTY'S BURIAL
PROGRAM**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider terminating the Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") between Tarrant County and the University of North Texas Health Science Center ("UNTHSC") for the disposition of indigent or unclaimed decedents.

BACKGROUND

On October 2, 2018, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #128682 approved an ILA between Tarrant County and the UNTHSC for the disposition of indigent and unclaimed decedents. Since its original approval, the ILA was extended in one (1) year increments. The most recent extension occurred on January 9, 2024, when the ILA was approved in Court Order #142387. The current ILA is set to expire on December 31, 2024.

Per the terms of the ILA, either Tarrant County or UNTHSC may terminate the ILA upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. If termination of the ILA is approved, the Tarrant County Administrator will send written notice of termination to UNTHSC. In addition, the Tarrant County Administrator will explore alternative options for the Commissioners Court to consider at a future meeting in fulfilling the county's statutory obligations under Health & Safety Code sections 694.002 and 711.002(e) for the disposition of indigent or unclaimed remains.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY: Administrator's Office

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