



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, CHAPTER 706 FOR THE FAILURE TO APPEAR SYSTEM ENTRY PROGRAM

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC) between Tarrant County and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) to implement the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 706, for the Failure to Appear (FTP) System Entry Program.

BACKGROUND

TDPS implemented an FTA System Entry Program to deny renewal of a driver's license for failure to appear, or failure to pay or satisfy a judgment ordered by a court. TDPS uses a third-party vendor to develop and maintain the system.

The FTA system applies to both traffic and non-traffic violations that occurred on or after September 1, 1999. Counties may provide notices of these failures to appear and/or failures to satisfy judgments to the FTA system in order to prevent certain persons from renewing their driver's licenses. Counties choosing to report to the FTA System Entry Program must enter into an ICC with TDPS.

On February 11, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132108, approved an Amendment to the ICC with TDPS to consolidate, allocate, classify and repeal certain criminal court costs and fees and increase and decrease the amounts of certain other court costs and fees due to the legislative session, S.B. 346.

In the 88th legislative session, changes were made to the ICC. These changes clarify the responsibilities of contract participants and mandate the inclusion of indigency into the program, as required by HB 291. In addition, the amended ICC includes a provision to account for any future legislative changes in order for the ICC to maintain compliance with the law prior to the creation of an amended agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

This service is a current collection tool for the courts. The fiscal impact associated with the amended agreement will be net zero.

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