



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 02/21/2024

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FORT WORTH TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FOR ELECTION SUPPORT**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve and Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Fort Worth (City) to provide law enforcement personnel for election support.

**BACKGROUND**

Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, provides authorization for any local government to contract with one or more local governments and with agencies of the State of Texas to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of this act.

The year 2024 is an Election Year for Federal elected positions, as well as an Election Year for both the State of Texas and Tarrant County elected positions.

If approved, the City agrees to provide the following:

1. Provide a "Licensed Peace Officer", as defined in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.12 (3) as "...police officers of an incorporated city... who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code", to be present whenever the Early Voting Ballot Board meets.
2. Provide Licensed Peace Officers to be present at the Central Count Station during the tabulation of election results.
3. Provide Licensed Peace Officers and resources to transport Tarrant County Elections Administration staff caring v-drives from rally sites to the Central Count Station.
4. Provide Licensed Peace Officers and resources to perform the duties of the early voting key custodian during entity elections.

Tarrant County will reimburse the City at an agreed upon rate for time and resources spent performing duties during the period of February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The County Administrator is requesting the ability to sign this ILA on behalf of the County as soon as negotiations are complete, to expedite contract execution. Once signed, the ILA will be presented to the Commissioners Court at the next available Commissioners Court meeting for final approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

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