



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 08/16/2022

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF THE DISCONTINUATION
OF THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEFERRED
PROSECUTION INITIATIVE AND RELATED FEES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept notification of the discontinuation of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Deferred Prosecution Initiative (DPI) and related fees.

BACKGROUND

On October 20, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #134038, approved setting a fee of \$300.00 for DPI, an expansion of the Deferred Prosecution Program (DPP).

In November 2020, DPP was expanded to include DPI. The program was designed for first time offenders charged with controlled substances. Following the proven model of DPP, DPI offered an alternate to prosecution where first-time offenders of any age could rehabilitate their lives without the full effects of criminal prosecution.

Due to the low number of participants in DPI, the CDA has discontinued the program. The DPP has now been expanded and made available to offenders, who at the time of the offense, are age seventeen (17) to twenty-six (26), who have not been previously convicted or supervised for a Class B offense or above, and who are willing and able to rehabilitate themselves.

With acceptance of this notification, the CDA will no longer collect DPI fees previously set by the Commissioners Court.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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