

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Mark McNeal, Fire Chief

DATE: January 06, 2025

SUBJECT: **Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Services Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Denton County and the City of Lewisville; and Authorization for the City Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute the Agreement.**

BACKGROUND

The Lewisville Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency ambulance services to unincorporated areas of Denton County through an interlocal cooperation agreement. This agreement has been in effect for many years and is approved annually for the period of October 1 through September 30.

In previous years, there was one agreement for fire protection service and a separate agreement for emergency ambulance services. The County would pay a readiness fee for each service and then a fee per each emergency run that Lewisville made in the unincorporated area covered by the agreement. This required the City to bill the County monthly for those emergency responses.

Last fiscal year, the fixed readiness fee for fire protection was \$10,000. The fee per response was \$700 and the City made 11 fire related calls. The readiness fee for EMS response was \$57,428 and instead of billing the County for each ambulance response, the City chose to bill the patient and their insurance in the same manner it does for ambulance transports within our city limits. The total amount paid by the County for fire protection and emergency ambulance services last fiscal year was \$75,128.

ANALYSIS

The County has combined fire protection and emergency ambulance services into one agreement and eliminated the need for Lewisville to bill for the responses made. The proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 provides for Denton County to pay for the full performance of this agreement the sum of \$78,103 no later than February 1, 2025.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement as set forth in the caption above.