

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Claire Powell, City Manager

**FROM:** Jeremy Leonard, Court Director

**DATE:** July 22, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Lewisville and the Town of Flower Mound to Combine Efforts for the Provision of a Youth Services Program to Include Teen Court and Youth Diversion in Municipal Court; and Authorize the City Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute the Agreement.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lewisville and the Town of Flower Mound establishes the Lewisville/Flower Mound Youth Services Program, a collaborative initiative designed to enhance municipal court services for juveniles through Teen Court and Youth Diversion programming.

This updated partnership replaces the original 2009 Agreement and reflects both cities' commitment to providing structured, rehabilitative alternatives for youth who come into contact with the municipal court system. The Teen Court component, which has been jointly supported for decades, allows eligible juvenile offenders to take responsibility for their actions through peer-led court proceedings and community service, fostering accountability and civic engagement.

The newly formalized Youth Diversion Services are a critical addition, responding to legislative changes that require every municipal court in Texas to implement diversion opportunities for juveniles. Under Article 45.056 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, municipal courts are mandated to develop programs that prioritize education, behavior correction, and prevention over traditional punitive measures for youth defendants.

Attached is a copy of the Youth Diversion Plan and Teen Court Plan, which outlines the framework and steps for implementing this program.

### **ANALYSIS**

By entering into this Interlocal Agreement, both municipalities will ensure statutory compliance, promote positive youth development, and improve long-term outcomes for local youth through a

cost-effective, jointly administered program. This partnership not only reduces administrative redundancy but also reinforces both communities' shared investment in proactive and restorative justice.

**CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

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