## ~DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND/OR APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS AND HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (RADIOS)

## **BACKGROUND:**

On September 25, 2007, Harris County and the City entered into an agreement. This agreement provides the City's access to Harris County's communications system—this system allows communicates among various public safety agencies. The interlocal was amended in August 2012 to clarify billing processes. The City's Interlocal Agreement with Harris County is outdated hence a new interlocal is attached. The term is one (1) year --thereafter will automatically renew for a max of five (5) years.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**: Harris County bills the City annually. Other users of the system reimburse the City based on an allocation (radios). The most recent Harris County annual bill was \$59,035. The City and Matagorda County pay approximately 80% of this cost. Other entities such as EMS, Matagorda Hospital and BCISD contribute the rest.

**IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:** This enables all law enforcement agencies to communicate through the same system and share in infrastructure cost.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve the Interlocal Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: Interlocal Agreement