

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

City of Burleson, Texas
Mutual Aid

The TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. ONE, acting by and through its Board of Emergency Commissioners, hereafter referred to as DISTRICT, and the CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, hereafter referred to as CITY, enter into the following Agreement:

Section 1: Authority and Services

CITY has a volunteer fire department recognized by the Insurance Commission of the State of Texas or a full-time professional fire department, and is, by an order or resolution of its governing body, authorized to enter into this Agreement with DISTRICT for the use of the personnel and equipment of CITY for the purpose of providing fire protection to real and personal property located outside the boundaries of CITY and within such distance as the CITY may be reasonably expected to render service in case of emergency service needs. The equipment and personnel of the CITY shall be under the control and supervision of CITY employees during a fire or emergency medical response pursuant to this Agreement. In accordance with Section 418.109(d) of the Texas Government Code or Section 791.027 of the Texas Government Code, it is also understood and agreed that the existence of this Agreement does not prevent the CITY from providing mutual aid assistance on request from another municipality, county, emergency services district, fire protection agency, organized volunteer group or other emergency service entity, and shall not be obligated to respond, when in the sole judgment of the CITY, such response would leave insufficient protection for the CITY.

Section 2: Fire Services Provided

CITY and DISTRICT hereby agree that for and in consideration of the monies to be paid by DISTRICT to CITY, the CITY will provide, through its fire department, fire protection services to the area described. These services include fire protection, fire rescue and first response for emergency medical services. In the event that the CITY resources are unavailable at the time of the request for services, the CITY will take reasonable efforts to make the resources available as soon as reasonably possible.

Section 3: Fire Service Compensation

DISTRICT agrees to pay to CITY within 90 days of execution of this Agreement the total sum of EIGHTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) during this contract year for fire protection services as requested by other departments contracting with the DISTRICT and within the CITY's ability to respond.

Section 4: Equipment

DISTRICT is under no obligation with respect to providing firefighting equipment or ambulance vehicles or supplies, or any other expenses incidental to the carrying out of this Agreement, and will have no right, title or interest in and to vehicles and equipment belonging to or contracted for by CITY.

Section 5: Term

Regarding payment, this Agreement will be in full force and effect for and during the period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. Regarding response purposes, this Agreement will remain in force until the 2023-24 DISTRICT budget is approved by the Commissioners and a new Agreement is executed retroactive to October 1, 2023 under the same terms and conditions.

Section 6: Payment of Funds

The DISTRICT will use its general fund to pay for the services supplied by the CITY pursuant to this Agreement. Payment pursuant to this Agreement will be in accord with the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commissioners. Said payments will be made as funds are available to DISTRICT.

Section 7: Emergency Scene Control

Whenever CITY responds to a call outside its normal jurisdictional limits, it will operate under the Fire Code in effect within the CITY limits of such cities or fire department primarily responsible for service to the area being served by CITY. Any fire investigators or other personnel who respond from DISTRICT to a fire or emergency scene which is under the control of CITY will be governed by the Fire Code of the CITY within whose limits the CITY normally operates. CITY personnel agree to fully cooperate with DISTRICT personnel.

Section 8: Inspection of Equipment

The DISTRICT or its agent has the right to inspect the equipment of the CITY that the CITY operates in its performance under this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that the nature of the CITY's equipment determines the consideration paid under this Agreement. In the event that the inspection reveals that the equipment is not in operating condition and in compliance with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements for a department of its size, the CITY will authorize a re-inspection by the DISTRICT within fifteen (15) days. In the event the equipment is not in operating condition or in compliance with the ISO requirements for a department of its size during the re-inspection, all payments by the DISTRICT to the CITY will cease until the problem is corrected as certified by the DISTRICT.

Section 9: Workers' Compensation Coverage

The CITY shall maintain statutory workers' compensation coverage for its employees, officers and volunteers regarding the CITY's performance under this contract. The CITY recognizes that the DISTRICT has no responsibility to furnish this coverage and CITY waives any right to pursue the DISTRICT for liability regarding payments for this coverage or for liability regarding payments for claims filed against this coverage.

Section 10: Line of Duty

When an employee or volunteer of the responding CITY is performing duties under the terms of this Agreement, that person is considered to be acting in the line of duty for the CITY for the purposes of 42 U.S.C.A., Section 3796; is considered to be in performance of duties for the CITY within the applicable provisions of Chapter 615 of the Texas Government Code, and of Chapter 142, Texas Local Government Code; and shall be entitled to any other benefits which accrue under law as a result of injury, death or loss which occurs while in the line of duty for the CITY under this Agreement. This section does not increase the DISTRICT's liability under this Agreement.

Section 11: Assignment of Liability

The assisting party (CITY) shall be responsible for any civil liability or costs that may arise from the fire protection, fire rescue and first response for emergency medical services that the assisting party provides to the requesting party (DISTRICT) under this Agreement. The parties agree pursuant to Section 791.006 (a-1) of the Texas Government Code that assignment of liability provided by this Agreement is intended to be different than liability otherwise assigned under Section 791.006 (a) of the Texas Government Code, which provides that "the governmental unit that would have been responsible for furnishing the services in the absence of the contract is responsible for any civil liability that arises from the furnishing of those services." The parties also agree that pursuant to Section 775.0366 (e) of the Texas Health and Safety Code that assignment of liability provided by this Agreement is intended to be different than liability otherwise assigned under Section 775.0366 (d), which provides that the "district is responsible for any civil liability that arises from furnishing those services if the district would have been responsible for furnishing the services in the absence of the contract." It is expressly understood and agreed, however, that in the execution of this Agreement, neither the CITY nor the DISTRICT waives, nor shall be deemed to waive, any immunity or defenses that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercise of governmental powers and functions, including the liability limits and immunities for a governmental unit provided by the Texas Tort Claims Act, Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, or other law.

Section 12: Implied Rights; Employees

By entering into this Agreement the parties do not intend to create any obligations expressed or implied other than those specifically set forth herein and this Agreement

will not create rights in parties not signatories hereto. The employees of the CITY are not employees or agents of the DISTRICT by virtue of this Agreement. The employees of the DISTRICT are not employees or agents of the CITY by virtue of this Agreement.

Section 13: Conferring of Rights

This Agreement does not confer any rights on third parties who are not signatories to this Agreement, therefore no person may bring suit against CITY or DISTRICT regarding the performance of this Agreement as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

Section 14: Cancellation

DISTRICT and CITY retain the right to cancel without cause this Agreement on thirty (30) days written notice to the non-canceling party. In the event of cancellation, DISTRICT will pay a prorated share of the monies due only if the CITY provides services as required in the Agreement during the period of time leading up to the termination date. However, in the event that CITY exercises this right of cancellation, CITY must repay to DISTRICT all money paid CITY by DISTRICT for personal property, if any, purchased by the CITY with funds from the DISTRICT.

Section 15: Form 1295 Acknowledgement

CITY acknowledges that it is a governmental entity and not a business entity as those terms are defined in Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code, and therefore, no disclosure of interested parties pursuant to Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code is required.

WITNESS the signatures of the respective parties hereto this the _____ day of _____, _____.

**TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**

CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS

President

Authorized Official

ATTEST:

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Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary