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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire  
**FROM:** K.T. Freeman, Fire Chief  
**MEETING:** November 13, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Service with Johnson County Emergency Service District No. 1 that will provide automatic/mutual aid services to the City of Burleson. (Staff Contact: K.T. Freeman, Fire Chief)

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Service is to replace the existing agreement, which entailed an annual contract price of \$63,000.00 paid by the City of Burleson to Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1. The annual contact price assisted Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 with supplemental staffing. Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 no longer necessitates payment, as professional crews now provide continuous coverage at the station in the automatic aid agreement area, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This agreement continues to fosters a collaborative framework aimed at providing mutual support during situations and disasters that may strain the resources of a single agency or jurisdiction. The agreement creates a collaborative arrangement to assist one another during situations and disaster that at times overwhelm the resources of a single agency or jurisdiction.

Key components contained within the proposed agreement are automatic aid response and mutual aid response. Automatic Aid Response is for structure fires and is determined by a map attached to the agreement. All automatic aid responses will respond when requested to the defined district with one engine or quint staffed with a minimum of 3 firefighters on all reported structure fires, within a specified area. All such responses are subject to availability of personnel and equipment.

Mutual aid may include any area within the jurisdiction of the requesting department (e.g. city limits or district boundaries) and may include responding to fire, EMS, and other types of emergencies. Calls for assistance during "working" structure fires, EMS, vehicle accidents, and other types of incidents shall be given on an "as needed basis" and shall include one engine or quint staffed with a minimum of 3 firefighters. All such responses are subject to availability of personnel and equipment.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve as presented
- 2) Deny
- 3) Approve with changes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve as presented

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

Previous interlocal agreement for fire protection services CSO #1193-11-2019

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

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