

City of Burnet City Council



Item Brief

Meeting Date

June 24, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-50: M. Ingram

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, PROVIDING FORMAL NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BURNET AND THE CITY OF BERTRAM

Information

In 2006, the City of Burnet and the City of Bertram entered an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The agreement established a one-year term with an automatic one-year renewal unless terminated by either party. While the agreement likely expired in 2008, both cities have continued to operate under its terms- Burnet EMS has continued to provide services, and the City of Bertram has continued to make annual payments.

The current annual compensation of \$10,000 no longer reflects the true cost of providing high-quality EMS services to the Bertram community. As the cost of emergency services has increased significantly over the past two decades, it is necessary to revisit the terms of the agreement to ensure it is financially sustainable. The proposed resolution formally terminates the existing agreement, per its terms, and provides the required 90-day notice. This action is intended solely as a procedural step to allow both parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement that accurately reflects the current cost of service and provides for continued high-quality EMS coverage. The City Manager or designee is authorized to deliver the notice of termination and begin discussions with the City of Bertram.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal terms of a new agreement will be negotiated and brought back to Council for approval.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2025-50 as presented.

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WHEREAS, the City of Burnet and the City of Bertram entered into an Interlocal Agreement in 2006 under which Burnet EMS would provide emergency medical services to the residents of Bertram; and

WHEREAS, the original agreement included an initial one-year term with an automatic one-year renewal unless terminated by either party; and

WHEREAS, although the original agreement likely expired in 2008, both parties have continued to act in good faith as though the agreement remained in effect, with the City of Burnet continuing to provide EMS services and the City of Bertram continuing to remit the annual compensation; and

WHEREAS, the current annual compensation of \$10,000 no longer reflects the actual cost incurred by the City of Burnet to provide high-quality emergency medical services to the Bertram community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burnet remains committed to providing exemplary EMS services to the residents of Bertram and desires to negotiate a new agreement that better reflects the scope and cost of service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burnet believes that formal notice of termination is a necessary procedural step to enable both parties to negotiate a revised agreement in good faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Findings. The recitals set out above are hereby approved and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section Two. Approval. That the City Council hereby approves providing formal written notice of termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between the City of Burnet and the City of Bertram.

Section Three. Authorization. The City Manager, or their designee, is authorized and directed to take all actions reasonably necessary to facilitate the purpose of this Resolution, including delivering the notice of termination and initiating negotiations for a new agreement with the City of Bertram.

Section Four. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section Five. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 24th day of June 2025.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary