

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Stuart Blasingame, Fire Chief

**Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager** 

Re: Collin County ESD-1

**Town Council Meeting – May 13, 2025** 

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

# Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon a resolution to consent/not consent to the inclusion of the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction in the proposed Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD-1).

# **Description of Agenda Item:**

A petition was recently filed in Collin County to establish an Emergency Services District (ESD) to serve the county's unincorporated areas. The proposed Collin County ESD-1 aims to secure additional funding to address the rising costs of providing fire protection and emergency services in these areas, including portions of extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJs).

The creation of Collin County ESD-1 will be decided by voters on the November 4, 2025, election. In preparation, the County is requesting that all impacted fire departments submit written consent if they wish to be included in the ESD. Additionally, city and town councils must provide written confirmation indicating whether they consent to the inclusion or exclusion of their ETJs in the proposed district.

### **Budget Impact:**

Because the Town of Prosper contains very little unincorporated land, Collin County has historically contributed only about \$200 annually for emergency services coverage. However, if the proposed Collin County ESD-1 is approved by voters, this amount would increase. The specific impact on Prosper will depend on whether the Town opts to include its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) within the new district and would be dependent on the rate set by the ESD board.

# **Attached Documents:**

- 1. Collin County ESD-1 Letter
- 2. Resolution

## **Town Staff Recommendation:**

Town Staff is requesting the Town Council provide feedback and direction to be included or excluded from the proposed Collin County Emergency Services District-1.

<u>Proposed Motion:</u>
I move to approve a resolution to consent/not consent to the inclusion of the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction in the proposed Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD-1)