

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the City of Stephenville, Texas (City) and Tarleton State University (Tarleton), a public university and state agency that is a member of The Texas A&M University System, and relates to the cooperation and coordination of police services; namely, parking enforcement in specific areas in and about the City.

1. Purpose

1.1 This agreement is governed by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 791.

1.2 Both the City and Tarleton are authorized to commission peace officers with all the powers, privileges, and immunities authorized by law.

1.3 The purpose of this agreement is to promote effective and efficient enforcement of the parking ordinances of the City. The parties intend to provide for mutual aid and coordination of services between their police departments. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to limit the jurisdiction, powers, privileges, or immunities of the parties within their respective jurisdictions.

2. Term

2.1 This agreement will become effective September 1, 2021, and will continue in effect until August 21, 2026, or until either party terminates the agreement by giving the other party ten (10) days written notice. This agreement may be renewed.

3. Authority and Areas of Operation

3.1 The City authorizes Tarleton Police Officers to enforce ordinances found in City Code of Ordinances Title VII, Traffic Code, Chapters 70, 71, 72, 74 and 75.

3.2 The City authorizes Tarleton full time parking enforcement personnel to enforce City Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Traffic Code, Chapters 72 (except Section 72.11) and 75.

3.3 Tarleton Police Officers and full time parking enforcement personnel are granted the above referenced authority on City streets and roadways adjacent to property owned, operated or controlled by Tarleton.

3.4 Nothing herein shall grant arrest authority to any person that is not a certified police officer.

4. Rendering Assistance

4.1 Either party may request assistance from the other in controlling traffic, including enforcement of the parking ordinances.

5. Liaison for Criminal Investigations

5.1 Either party may request assistance from the other while conducting investigations of criminal offenses.

6. Court of Jurisdiction

6.1 Any citations issued under this agreement shall be filed in the City of Stephenville Municipal Court located at 298 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas.

7. Other Provisions

7.1 Each party to this agreement shall be responsible for any civil liability created by their employees or agents.

7.2 Nothing in this section adds to or changes 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.

AGREED:

Mayor, City of Stephenville

President, Tarleton State University

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

City Administrator, City of Stephenville

Chief of Police, Stephenville Police Department

City Attorney, City of Stephenville

Vice President for Student Life, Tarleton State University

Chief of Police, Tarleton State University

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