



City of Keller

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Legislation Text

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To: Mark R. Hafner, City Manager

From: Alonzo Liñán, Director of Public Works

Subject:

Consider a resolution approving an Professional Services Agreement with Hardin & Associates Consulting, LLC, for the purpose of completing state-mandated customer service inspections of private water systems; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents relating thereto on behalf of the City of Keller, Texas.

Action Requested:

Consideration of an Agreement with Hardin & Associates Consulting, LLC to provide Professional Services for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Backflow Cross Connection Control Compliance Inspections in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Background:

On August 25, 2015, The City of Keller was issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for managing an ineffective Cross Connection Control Program. A Cross Connection Control Program is designed to protect the drinking water supply from contamination due to backflow. To resolve the violation, the TCEQ instructed and Keller agreed to re-evaluate its program and perform Customer Service Inspections (CSIs) of establishments connected to city water to confirm that no health hazard to public exists.

In 2016, Hardin and Associates was selected based on subject matter qualifications. The proposed Agreement with Hardin & Associates Consulting, LLC is to conduct the CSIs and to maintain the city's commitment to TCEQ in establishing an effective Cross Connection Control Program.

To date, 1,200 CSIs of existing non-residential and 912 of residential properties have been completed. These numbers represent initial inspections and re-inspections. City staff has identified there are 1,102 residential properties remaining to be inspected. On average, 44 CSIs per month have been conducted although that average has dropped to approximately 33 CSIs per month due to Covid-19.

This Agreement provides the referenced professional services required for FY 2020-21.

Financial Impact:

For FY 2019-20, the Public Works Department has budgeted \$100,000 to continue inspecting the relevant residential properties. This amount is also included in the FY 2020-21 Proposed Water and Wastewater Utility Fund Budget.

Citizen Input/Board Review:

Not applicable.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed resolution.

Alternatives:

City Council has the following alternatives:

- Approve as submitted
- Approve with changes
- Denial

Council Action:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution as presented, contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Budget.