



City of Keller

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Legislation Text

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To: Mark R. Hafner, City Manager

From: Sarah Hensley, Administrative Services Manager

Subject:

Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Keller, Southlake, Grapevine and Colleyville, Texas, for participation in the Metroport Teen Court Program, effective October 1, 2020.

Background:

In 2010, the City of Keller entered into an Interlocal Agreement to join the Metroport Teen Court Program, which allows juvenile offenders convicted of misdemeanor crimes to elect to fulfill their obligations through community service and participation in the judicial process. Teen Court is an alternative to burdening parents with the expenses associated with a citation. The program encourages parental involvement and communication, and many teens remain in the program as volunteers after their service requirements have been completed. The Metroport Teen Court is staffed by the City of Southlake, and the program is conducted at the Southlake Department of Public Safety Headquarters building. A Teen Court Advisory Board consisting of one (1) council member and two (2) at large members from each community assists the Court in matters relating to policy and procedures. The Municipal Judges from each community set the structure of the proceedings and corresponding sentencing.

In FY 2019-20, the combined total number of referrals from all four participating cities was 481. Out that total, 92 violations were from the City of Keller.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement is for a period of twelve (12) months, beginning October 1, 2020. It shall automatically extend monthly unless a new agreement is adopted for the ensuing year. Any party may terminate its participation in the agreement, without recourse or liability, upon thirty (30) days' written notice. The Interlocal Agreement has already been approved by the Colleyville City Council and will be considered by the Southlake and Grapevine City Councils at upcoming meetings.

Financial Impact:

Each participating city is required to pay a service fee in the amount of \$36,000 to the City of Southlake. The service fee is the same for FY 2020-21 as the previous fiscal year. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund budget.

Citizen Input/Board Review:

Not applicable.

Legal Review:

Not applicable.

Alternatives:

City Council has the following alternatives:

- Approve as submitted
- Approve with changes
- Denial