



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute a renewal of the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Watauga and Richland Hills, for the consolidated Teen Court Services Program.

PRESENTER: Rafael Martinez, Teen Court Coordinator

SUMMARY:

Attached is the renewal of the interlocal agreement for consolidated Teen Court Services in NETTC (Northeast Tarrant Teen Court) for the cities of North Richland Hills, Watauga and Richland Hills. The agreement is for a one-year period with the option to extend for one additional year.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills has partnered with the City of Watauga since 2010, and the City of Richland Hills since 2013, to operate the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court (NETTC) program. This tri-city partnership provides a specialized network of support services and agencies designed to reduce youth recidivism across our communities.

Following staff outreach and the distribution of updated cost estimates, all participating cities have agreed to continue the partnership. The program expenses will be shared proportionally based on the number of participants from each city, with an anticipated caseload of approximately 310 cases for FY26.

Additionally, the NETTC program is fully structured to adhere to the state-mandated Youth Diversion program that took effect on January 1, 2025. This renewal continues to allow each participating municipal court to seamlessly integrate the Youth Diversion mandate into their existing operating plans, ensuring full state compliance while maintaining effective local services.

Staff extends its gratitude to the City Council for their ongoing support, as well as to the dedicated volunteers and board members who make this program possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

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