



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2018-036 authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement for mutual aid for fire protection and emergency medical services in Tarrant County and setting the standard of care for emergency action.

PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

The Tarrant County Fire Chiefs Association (TCFCA) has published an updated mutual aid agreement for fire protection and emergency medical services that will replace the original signed in 2002.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In 2002, the City of North Richland Hills signed a countywide mutual aid agreement for fire protection and emergency medical services. Exhibit A shows the original signatories of the agreement. This agreement contained language and processes that best practices at the time. Since 2002 the mutual aid process has changed a great deal and updates were necessary to keep the document current.

The attached agreement includes new language that reflects the latest changes and requirements in mutual aid in the State of Texas. The biggest change in the document deals with the responding agencies and their ability to seek reimbursement. Each responding agency will cover the cost of mutual aid operations up to 12 hours. The requesting agency will reimburse any time spent beyond the initial 12 hours to all of the responding agencies.

The agreement also requires each participating entity to adopt an ordinance, resolution or order setting the standard of care for emergency action. The city will adopt the standard of care by resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-036 authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement for mutual aid for fire protection and emergency medical services in Tarrant County and setting the standard of care for emergency action.