



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment and 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: Rebecca Vinson, Court Administrator

SUMMARY:

City Council is being asked to consider an amendment and renewal of the interlocal agreement for the consolidated Teen Court Services Program in Northeast Tarrant Teen Court (NETTC) for the cities of North Richland Hills, Watauga and Richland Hills. This agreement is for a one-year period with the option to extend for one additional year, and this amendment will also remove the city of Haltom City from the program, at their request.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

North Richland Hills Municipal Court has worked with the cities of Watauga and Haltom City since 2010 and with the City of Richland Hills, since 2013, to provide consolidated Teen Court services. During the pandemic, all courts experienced multiple mandates ceasing in-person hearings for a lengthy period of time. Each court was tasked with creating its own operating procedures which allowed us to quickly convert the Teen Court Program into a virtual platform and to remain fully active for all four cities during the fluidity of the pandemic. This conversion was very successful for the City of North Richland Hills, Watauga and Richland Hills.

Under their operating procedures, Haltom City minimized their filings during this period and recently made the decision to withdraw from the program in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement: "SECTION 7. Any party hereto may terminate its participation in this Agreement without recourse or liability upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties. Should either of the other three parties terminate their participation, North Richland Hills may terminate this agreement or renegotiate with the remaining party or parties." The purpose of this Amendment is to renew the term of the agreement and to remove the city of Haltom City from the program, at their request.

RECOMMENDATION:



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