



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Budget Department

DATE: May 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector for tax assessment and collection services of ad valorem taxes for tax year 2018.

PRESENTER: Robert Myers, Budget Director

SUMMARY:

Since 1993, Tarrant County has provided tax assessment and collection services for the City of North Richland Hills. Staff requests that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Tarrant County in order to continue the provision of these services for Tax Year 2018.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector has submitted its annual agreement for property tax collection services. The county has collected property taxes for the City of North Richland Hills since October 1993. During this time, staff has been pleased with the county's performance, customer service and the cost savings realized by the city. A copy of the agreement is attached for Council consideration.

This agreement is essentially the same as the previous agreement. The proposed rate for Tax Year 2018 is \$0.98 per account, which is the same rate as charged in Tax Year 2017. The Tax Year 2018 rate is based on the Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector's actual cost for tax collection. The estimated number of accounts based on the preliminary tax roll received in May 2018 is 60,899. This is an increase of 520 accounts compared to the July 2017 Certified Tax Roll. Based on these accounts, the total estimated cost for this service is approximately \$59,681.

Staff believes the service provided by the Tax Assessor/Collector remains a good value. It would not be possible for the City of North Richland Hills to conduct the same service for the amount currently charged by Tarrant County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector for tax assessment and collection services.