

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**AGENDA DATE:** August 28, 2007

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Manuel Chavira – 771-1000

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** N/A

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an interlocal agreement between the City and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for Medical Direction, medical control, infection control, and advanced medical training.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?**

The interlocal agreement with Texas Tech University provides services to the City that are required to perform advanced medical care. Some of the services are: Medical Director, medical control physicians, infection control, and advanced medical training.

By state law, the Fire Department must work under the direction of a physician when performing advanced medical care. This physician is referred to as the Medical Director. Without a Medical Director, the Fire Department would not be able to; administer therapeutic medications, perform advanced airway techniques, use automated external defibrillators, etc. The Medical Director also serves as, oversight for medical protocols, liaison to the medical community, develops quality improvement programs, oversight of advanced medical training, etc.

The Medical Control Physicians are physicians that are available by radio to our crews twenty-four hours a day. They provide direct medical supervision by authorizing medications and treatment.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

Yes. The contract is the same as the previous contract. The service from Texas Tech has been exceptional and Texas Tech has been providing these services since 1982.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**

Funding is including in the Fire Department budget; it does not require a budget transfer. The funding source is Dept ID 22010096, Acct 502111, Fund 01101, Class 22000

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

**Enter appropriate comments or N/A**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)  
*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement, between the CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES at El Paso, and the EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT d/b/a R. E. THOMASON GENERAL HOSPITAL, whereby Texas Tech agrees to provide medical control and guidance to the City's EMS System, as well as other medical services, at a cost in FY-2008 to the City not to exceed \$914,324.00, and whereby Thomason Hospital agrees to act as the base station for the City's FMS System at no cost to the City. Said contract to have an effective date of September 1, 2007 and a termination date of August 31, 2010, with the option, upon mutual agreement by the parties, to extend the contract.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

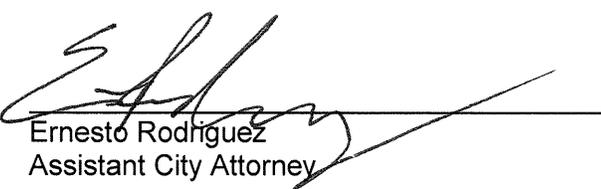
CITY OF EL PASO

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John Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Ernesto Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Chief Roberto Rivera  
El Paso Fire Department

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