

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE CITY ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF BALCH SPRINGS AND SEAGOVILLE AND THE TOWN OF SUNNYVALE, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE EASTERN DALLAS COUNTY RESPONSE TEAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE NEW DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE EASTERN DALLAS COUNTY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the cities of Mesquite, Balch Springs, Seagoville and the Town of Sunnyvale ("**Cities**") desire to collaborate for the purpose of creating the Eastern Dallas County Response Team ("**Team**"); and

WHEREAS, the Team's primary purpose is to provide reactive and proactive mental health services with professional mental health responders to supplement public safety responses and ultimately reduce mental health calls responded to by police; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Team will follow up with residents who have frequent calls for service for mental health issues as well as be responsible for outreach and communication with homeless individuals within the Cities' area; and

WHEREAS, the Cities are all located within Dallas County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County ("**County**") has made grant funding available for qualified municipalities desiring to make application for funding for programs that meet the objectives set forth in the County's New Directions for Public Safety Grant ("**Grant**"); and

WHEREAS, the Cities desire to enter into an Interlocal Agreement ("**Agreement**"), in a form substantially approved by the City Attorney, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 791 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (otherwise known as the Interlocal Cooperation Act) which provides authorization for any local government to contract with one or more local governments to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the City of Mesquite entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Cities and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents for the submission of the New Directions for Public Safety Grant application for the Eastern Dallas County Response Team Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby supports entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Balch Springs and Seagoville and the Town of Sunnyvale, and authorizes the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents for the submission of the New Directions for Public Safety Grant application for the Eastern Dallas County Response Team Program.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such resolution or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this resolution be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall go into effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 7th day of December 2020.

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Bruce Archer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Sonja Land  
City Secretary



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David L. Paschall  
City Attorney