

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 22-194, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-VII School District for School Resource Officers in the district's schools.

(Note: First read by Council on September 13, 2022. Passed by unanimous vote.)

Issue/Request:

An Ordinance authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-VII School District for School Resource Officers in the district's schools.

Key Issues:

The City and the Lee's Summit R-VII School District ("District") previously entered into an intergovernmental agreement dated September 25, 2018 to define their relationship regarding use of the City's police officers as SROs for District buildings.

The City and the District desire to update their agreement describing the scope of services to be provided by SROs and the cost of those services and an intergovernmental agreement is needed to define the scope of services of the SROs.

Proposed City Council Committee Motion: I move to recommend to the City Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-VII School District for School Resource Officers in the district's schools.

Proposed City Council Motion:

I move for adoption of an Ordinance authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-VII School District for School Resource Officers in the district's schools.

Background:

The original intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City and the District for the School Resource Officer program was approved in 1999. The City has been providing the District with SROs each school year since 1999.

Impact/Analysis:

Under the IGA, the Police Department will assign seven (7) full-time officers to serve as SROs at the District's schools. The SROs will remain City employees, but the District will determine which school each SRO is assigned to. The City and the District will coordinate to maximize the SROs' ability to fulfill their purpose as educator, counselor/problem solver, and law enforcement officer.

The District will reimburse the City for the full value of each SRO's salary and benefits for the hours worked on behalf of the District.

The District has already signed the IGA, and therefore it will take effect on the date the City signs it. The IGA has initial term of two years, and will automatically renew in one-year terms each year until either party terminates it.

Chief Travis Forbes

Staff recommends approval.