



CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Legislation Text

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Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the Creation of the North Central Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District

COUNCIL GOAL: Safe & Secure Community

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2016

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Approve Resolution

ITEM SUMMARY:

- North Central Texas Council of Governments currently administers the State's 9-1-1 Program for the City of McKinney.
- SB1108/HB 3462 amended the Health and Safety Code to permit Councils of Governments/Regional Planning Commissions to establish Regional Emergency Communications Districts (ECD).
- Currently, citizens and businesses are charged \$.50 on their phone bills to pay for 9-1-1 services.
- This money is remitted to and held by the state until the legislature appropriates all or part of the funds collected to the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC).
- CSEC then allocates these funds to councils of governments.
- Currently, the Legislature does not always appropriate all of the funds collected. The state is holding over \$150 million.
- With the creation of the ECD, the monies collected through a maximum of \$.50 fee on the phone bills would be remitted in their entirety to the district.
- The creation of the ECD would provide local control regarding policy and budgetary matters that would be decided by a Board of Directors consisting of local elected officials.
- NCTCOG will continue as staff to the district that will assure that there will be no disruption to the current services provided to the citizens and businesses.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: N/A

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: N/A

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: N/A