

## **MEMORANDUM**

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July 8, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** James Slaton, City Manager

**FROM:** Chris Velasquez, Chief of Police  
Joe Jenkins, Fire Chief

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement for Fire and Police Telecommunication Services

**SYNOPSIS:** The City Commission will consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Polk County Sheriff's Office to continue providing fire and police telecommunication services.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement and continue to receive telecommunication services through the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

### **BACKGROUND**

The annual cost for Fire Telecommunication Services is determined each year based on the number of fire calls for the City of Lake Wales divided by the total fire calls for service dispatched by the Sheriff's telecommunication center multiplied by the direct fire dispatch operating costs.

The annual cost for Police Telecommunication Services is provided for a four-year period in the Interlocal Agreement.

This agreement is similar to those in place in Winter Haven, Auburndale, Frostproof, Fort Meade and Davenport. The city of Lake Wales previously entered in to this Interlocal Agreement in 2017.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve the agreement, purchase updated communications equipment and hire full time telecommunication personnel.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$42,717 for fire telecommunication services for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

\$270,780 for police telecommunication services for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021

\$278,903 for police telecommunication services for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022

\$287,270 for police telecommunication services for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023

\$295,888 for police telecommunication services for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Interlocal Agreement for Fire and Police Telecommunication Services