



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Res. 2019-37R, **Version:** 1

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### **AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Resolution 2019-37R, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Hays County establishing the Hays County Unmanned Robotics Team and providing the rights and duties of the parties thereto; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement on behalf of the City; and declaring an effective date.

**Meeting date:** March 5, 2019

**Department:** Police

### **Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** There has been no prior Council action on this item.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Community Partners

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

☐ Transportation - Choose an item.

☒ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

The City and Hays County participate cooperatively in multiple programs to maximize the smart use of tax dollars and increase efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. A few of these cooperative partnerships include the Hays County Narcotics Task Force, the Hays County SWAT team, and the Hays County Crisis Negotiation Team. Both the Hays County Sheriff's Department and the San Marcos Police Department are in the early stages of forming unmanned robotics teams to make use of both unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and unmanned ground-based robots. These tools allow for a much greater capacity to document crime scenes, conduct area searches, and ensure the safety of personnel on the ground during tactical operations. Both agencies recognize that working together when a need arises to deploy these tools will help reduce the financial burden on both agencies, thus making better use of tax dollars.

The purpose of this ILA is to formally establish and set forth the controlling covenants of the Hays County Unmanned Robotics Team.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

The alternatives to working together with Hays County on this project is to maintain our own program exclusively or to avoid expanding the drone program altogether. Neither of those alternatives are preferred.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution and accompanying Interlocal Agreement.