

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.sequential_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BELL COUNTY CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES' DIVERSION CENTER FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, Central Counties Services (CCS) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas under the Texas Health and Safety Code, and Bell County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act;

Whereas, Bell County owns the Bell County Diversion Center (BCDC), a voluntary, 16-bed residential crisis triage center located at 2400 Piazza Drive in Belton, Texas - CCS provides clinical mental health evaluation and services, and the City's law enforcement personnel have direct contact with individuals who commit misdemeanor offenses while experiencing mental health crises;

Whereas, this interlocal agreement is a cooperative effort between law enforcement and mental health professionals to identify, apprehend, and divert individuals experiencing a mental health crisis from incarceration to appropriate mental health treatment - the facility and agreement seek to divert individuals 18 years of age and older who commit misdemeanor offenses while experiencing mental health crises from incarceration to appropriate mental health treatment solutions;

Whereas, City Staff has participated in the Steering Committee for the development of the policies and procedures that apply to the use of the BCDC, and a law enforcement workgroup was recently established - the City has trained its personnel on the use of the BCDC, including the BCDC referral process, mental health, and de-escalation techniques, and must do so annually;

Whereas, there is no cost to the City for participating in the program - Staff recommends Council authorize an interlocal agreement with Bell County CCS' Diversion Center for adults experiencing mental health crises; and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

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

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council authorizes an interlocal agreement with Bell County Central Counties Services' Diversion Center for adults experiencing mental health crises, and authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, after approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, to execute any necessary documents.

Part 3: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 6th day of **March, 2025**.

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney