

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Vehicle for Hire Permit Holder Criminal Background Check Expansion

DATE: June 24, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the amendment of City Ordinance No. 63241, dated July 16, 1986, to allow state and national criminal history background checks on vehicle for hire permit holders.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Government Code Chapter 411 allows political subdivisions to obtain criminal history information that relates to a person who is the driver of a public transportation vehicle. This includes background checks from the local law enforcement agency (San Antonio Police Department), state agency (Department of Public Safety) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Currently the City of San Antonio only requires a background check from the local law enforcement agency. The Transportation Advisory Board unanimously has recommended expanding the criminal history background check to both the state and federal level. Expanding the criminal history background check will insure the safety and security of the customers and general public. Both the DPS and FBI background check will be conducted by the State of Texas. The fee structure is based on the actual charges by the state to conduct the background checks. The City will collect the fees and remit payment to the state for the services rendered. The new fees will be \$15.00 for the DPS background check and \$24.00 for the FBI background check.

POLICY ANALYSIS


This action facilitates City Council's continuing policy of conducting comprehensive reviews and oversight of city operations. The proposed rate increases have been presented to the Management Team and the Quality of Life Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

No City revenues or expenditures will be generated by this increase.

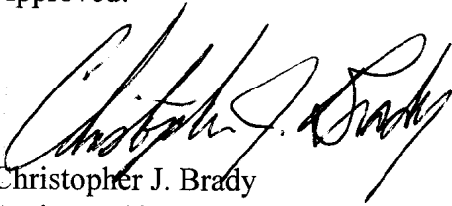
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

The City of San Antonio Discretionary Contracts Disclosure form is not required.



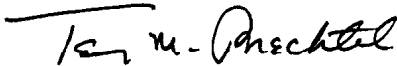
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