

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH, Director of Health

SUBJECT: City-County Interlocal Environmental Health Service

DATE: March 2, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Bexar County for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) to provide environmental health services in unincorporated areas of Bexar County for the period February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2011 for annual estimated payments from Bexar County of \$146,600.00 for food establishment inspections, \$1,116.50 for processing food establishment permits and \$10,888.80 for environmental health inspections.

Staff recommends the approval of this interlocal agreement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SAMHD has provided environmental health services in unincorporated areas of Bexar County since the Health District was established in 1966. Currently, sanitarians from SAMHD inspect 350 food establishments and perform approximately 240 environmental health inspections annually in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. Environmental health inspections include sewage discharges, water or general sanitation complaint investigation, stream pollution, mobile living park surveys, school survey inspections, water well samples, water well surveys, and swimming pool inspections. In addition, SAMHD processes the permits for all food establishments in unincorporated areas of the County.

The proposed contract will begin on February 1, 2006 and end January 31, 2011. During the initial year of the agreement the County will pay approximately \$158,605.30 for these services: \$146,600.00 for food establishment inspections, \$1,116.50 for processing food establishment permits and \$10,888.80 for environmental health inspections, based on the number of inspections and permits issued during the previous contract. For the remaining years of the contract, fees will be adjusted based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The services to be provided under this contract are consistent with public health activities routinely performed by the SAMHD to protect the health of individuals residing within its jurisdiction. This

interlocal agreement will be the third such agreement between SAMHD and Bexar County for the provision of said services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fees proposed in this five-year contract are as follows:

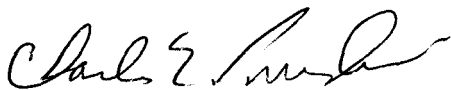
- \$146,600.00 annually for food inspections, a 21% increase from the previous contract;
- \$3.19 per food establishment permit processed with an annual estimate of \$1,116.50;
- \$45.37 per environmental health inspection (53% increase) with an annual estimate of \$10,888.80; and
- inclusion of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as provided for by the State Comptroller's Office adjusted annually.

Food service revenue will be deposited into the Special Revenue Fund. Environmental inspection revenue will be deposited into the General Fund. The recorded fees will recover the full cost of service.

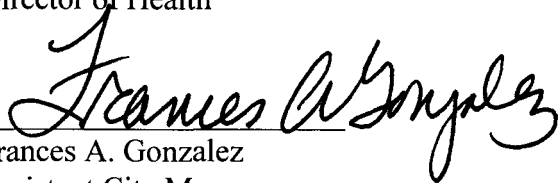
COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Human Resources Department, the Finance Department and the Office of Management and Budget. The External Relations Department assisted in the negotiation of the contract with Bexar County.

The Bexar County Commissioners Court is expected to review and approve this contract on February 7, 2006.




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Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley
City Manager