



BELL COUNTY LAWSUIT

RS-25-161

October 7, 2025

Background

- ❑ On February 8, 2023, the City engaged Sheils Winnubst to represent the City in the lawsuit filed by Bell County seeking to invalidate the City's marijuana enforcement ordinance.
- ❑ The ordinance was adopted pursuant to the City Charter initiative process where citizens of Killeen voted to pass the ordinance.
- ❑ City Council previously ratified the agreement with Sheils Winnubst in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 without further Council approval.
- ❑ Additional funds are needed to continue to defend the lawsuit.

Recommendation

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Based on Council's feedback, it is recommended that the City Council increase authorized funding to defend the Bell County lawsuit related to marijuana enforcement from \$100,000 to \$135,000.