

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

**City of Killeen Fire Mutual Aid Agreement
with the Department of the Army for Ft.
Hood, Texas**

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Fire Department

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An update to the mutual aid agreement with the Department of the Army for Ft. Hood was made in 2015. Mutual aid agreements supply Fire Department services with additional resources when a single incident or multiple incidents deplete all resources from any one entity. The Mutual Aid Agreement is the legal document which sets in writing the conditions under which all entities agree to operate. After the 2015 mutual aid agreement was approved by council, Ft. Hood requested a number of changes due to a change in command. This agreement remains separate from the mutual aid agreement with Carl R. Darnall Medical Center that was signed in 2013 and remains in effect and unchanged.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Due to a change in the Ft. Hood Garrison Commander and Ft. Hood Fire Chief, Ft. Hood has requested an updated agreement which removes the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center references, updates the signatures and changes the header and font to be in alignment with the current command.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact would be the cost in manpower and equipment of providing assistance to Ft. Hood Fire Department. Staff believes that the benefits of this agreement will outweigh the cost when assistance is needed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with the Department of the Army for Ft. Hood, Texas, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement.