



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 23, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manger  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe (Citywide)

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe to accept \$700,334 in funding in exchange for forensic laboratory services provided by the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

## **Background**

The Mesa Police Department has a dedicated Forensic Services facility and staff which processes evidence related to criminal investigations for the City of Mesa. Mesa is recognized locally and nationally as a model in the application of forensic services in law enforcement. The City of Tempe is requesting forensic laboratory services from the Mesa Police Department.

## **Discussion**

The City of Tempe has requested forensic laboratory services from the Mesa Police Department to include Toxicology, Biology, Controlled Substances, Toxicology and Fire Debris Analysis. Through the Intergovernmental Agreement, the forensic services provided will be based on the standard working protocols and polices of the Mesa laboratory. Tempe will have control of their case priority and the ability to request cases be expedited to meet their public safety mission. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be in effect for five years.

## **Alternatives**

Decline the Intergovernmental Agreement. If this proposal is not supported, the Police Department's Forensic Services Section will continue to provide state-of-the-art forensic analysis consistent with the current model of services.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The City of Tempe will provide funding in the amount of \$700,334 for Fiscal Year 21/22. Going forward, the annual base obligation will be \$764,000. Funding for subsequent years will be determined following a review and evaluation of workload and associated costs of services.

At any time, Mesa or Tempe may evaluate the services provided and make financial adjustments based on demand for services.

## **Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe.