



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: February 10, 2026

Reference: Consider approval of an Agreement between City of Coppell Police Department and Police Legal Advisor Warren Spencer, to provide legal guidance; with a fiscal impact of \$96,300, as budgeted; and authorizing the City Manager to sign.

2040: Sustainable Government

Introduction:

This Item is to presented to consider approval of an Agreement between the City of Coppell Police Department and Police Legal Advisor Warren Spencer, to provide legal guidance.

Background:

The Coppell Police Department began using the legal services of Warren Spencer in 2017. Warren Spencer is the legal advisor to the Texas Police Chiefs Association, by whom the Coppell Police Department is accredited, and has previously been the police legal advisor in the Cities of Plano and Frisco. His expertise in the legal application of the law to police operations such as search and seizure, arrests and detentions and probable cause has proven invaluable. Mr. Spencer currently works on location at the Coppell Police Department approximately three days a week and is always available by phone.

Mr. Spencer has been invaluable in providing detectives, school resource officers, and patrol officers with legal guidance. Training bulletins are frequently drafted by Mr. Spencer for Command Staff approval. Those training bulletins are based on either current legal challenges or training needs of the police department. When time allows, Mr. Spencer vets training providers for Command Staff to ensure that Officers and Detectives are sent only to training classes that meet our legal standards and philosophies.

Benefit to the Community:

Scrutiny over police actions is as common. With the assistance provided by Mr. Spencer, the potential for error in legal interpretation has decreased despite the ever-changing climate.

Legal Review:

City Attorney has reviewed the agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact is \$96,300.00, as budgeted.

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends approval of this item.