



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: January 28, 2025

Reference: Consider approval of a new Interlocal Agreement, governing asset forfeiture distribution, between the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the City of Coppell Police Department; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

2040: Sustainable Government

Introduction:

Consider approval of a new Interlocal Agreement, governing asset forfeiture distribution, between the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the City of Coppell Police Department.

Background:

This Interlocal Agreement governs how assets and/or personal property seized and forfeited under Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Article 18.18 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure will be disbursed between the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the Coppell Police Department. The Coppell Police Department may seize certain assets and/or personal property that is used or obtained in the commission of certain crime(s) that were investigated by the Coppell Police Department in Dallas County.

Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure requires an Interlocal Agreement between the District Attorney's Office and the Police Department to allow seized and forfeited assets and/or personal property to be shared. These proceeds are kept in a separate fund that can only be used by the Coppell Police Department.

Benefit to the Community:

The awarded assets can be used by the police department for expenses that include training, equipment, investigative costs, and crime prevention.

Legal Review:

The Interlocal Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

The Coppell Police Department recommends approval of this item.