



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: September 26, 2023

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

2040: **Sustainable Government**

Introduction:

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 Denton County District Attorney's Office and the Coppel Police Department. The Coppel 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 Coppel Police Department in Denton County.

Background:

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. The proposed Interlocal Agreement does not change the disbursement shares for seized assets, but clarifies how certain assets, including stocks, bonds, jewelry, cryptocurrency, etc., will be disbursed. The proceeds from seizures are kept in a separate fund that can only be used by the Coppel Police Department for expenses that include training, equipment, investigative costs, and crime prevention.

Benefit to the Community:

The use of these funds for the allowable activities leads to a safer community.

Legal Review:

The Interlocal Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

The Coppell Police Department recommends approval of this Interlocal Agreement.