

**CITY OF WAUKESHA****Administration**

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<b>Committee:</b> Finance	<b>Date:</b> 6/11/2019
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> <b>ID#19-0476</b>	<b>Date:</b> 6/18/2019
<b>Submitted By:</b> Steve Howard, Fire Chief	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KML
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney BER
<b>Subject:</b> Review and Act on a request to approve the inter-governmental agreement between Waukesha County regarding the sharing of station alerting hardware and software and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.	

**Details:**

The City of Waukesha Fire Department was approached by area fire chiefs and representatives of Waukesha County Communication Center to explore the option of sharing station alerting equipment with the end goal of completing a fully redundant system for both dispatch centers. The completion of this project will take several years, as additional software becomes available from the vendor. The first phase of this project is covered by this agreement and will allow Waukesha County to access existing hardware in our dispatch center to alert Fire Stations throughout the County. Our existing equipment has the capacity to accomplish this without impacting station alerting for the Waukesha Fire Department. As part of the agreement, Waukesha County will share in the annual maintenance cost for the equipment being utilized. Waukesha County will pay half of the annual maintenance costs which are approximately \$500 per year. The agreement has been reviewed by the city attorney and modifications have been made per his recommendation.

**Options & Alternatives:**

The city could opt to not enter into the agreement which will limit our future ability to create a completely redundant fire station alerting system and will not participate in cost-sharing for the maintenance of our existing equipment during the first phase of the project

**Financial Remarks:**

The \$500.00 will be included in the Fire Departments Operating Budget account number TBD

**Executive Recommendation:**

The City Administrator is supportive of entering into this agreement with Waukesha County.

