



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, the Electric Power Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, and the United States Department of Justice, Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, for the interoperability of the digital/analog 800 MHZ radio communication system.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Metro”), the Electric Power Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“NES”), collectively (“System Operators”), have constructed a fully integrated, digital/analog 800 MHZ radio communication system, hereinafter the (“System”); and,

WHEREAS, the System is used for public safety purposes to enhance dispatching services and improve response; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (“ATF”) is a public agency, as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-9-103, and has a duty to promote public safety; and,

WHEREAS, ATF has requested to be granted interoperability with the system; and,

WHEREAS, access to the System would enhance ATF’s ability to discharge its public safety duties and would also benefit Metro’s efforts to provide public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: That the Intergovernmental Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, the Electric Power Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the United States Department of Justice, Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for the interoperability of the digital/analog 800 MHZ radio communication system., is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2: Amendments to this legislation shall be passed by Resolution.

Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

This resolution approves an agreement that would grant the United States Department of Justice, Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), access to the 800 MHZ emergency radio dispatch and response system. The Metropolitan Government and NES jointly own and operate the emergency radio dispatch and radio response system utilizing 800 MHZ radio frequencies licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. This system was jointly funded by Metro and NES, with Metro General Services now maintaining the system and NES contributing funds to help pay for its maintenance.

ATF will not be required to pay any user fee or charge of any kind, and will be responsible for the purchase of any new subscriber units for its own use.

The term of the agreement is through May 1, 2030, but may be terminated with 90 days' written notice.

The Council has approved similar agreements with several other governmental and private entities.