



# 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 Williamson County Joint Communications Network Authority to grant access to each other's networks to improve emergency response services.

WHEREAS, the 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 Williamson County Joint Communications Network Authority, attached hereto, enhances the parties' ability to share data and call delivery, call handling, and dispatching services; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-9-101, *et seq.*, grants political subdivisions of Tennessee the authority to enter into agreements to operate common projects and achieve common objectives subject to the approval of their respective governing bodies or otherwise as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government that the agreement be approved.

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

Section 1. That the 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 Williamson County Joint Communications Network Authority, attached hereto, enhances the parties' ability to share data and call delivery, call handling, and dispatching service, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan County Mayor is authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Metropolitan Government.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This resolution approves an intergovernmental agreement between the Metropolitan Government, the Electric Power Board ("NES"), and the Williamson County Joint Communications Network Authority ("WCJCNA").

Metro and NES have constructed a fully integrated fiber communications network, which is maintained by the Metropolitan Department of Information Technology Services. NES contributes funds to maintain the network. Metro and NES have established the Emergency Radio Management Committee, which has operational responsibility for the network. The network is used for public safety purposes to enhance dispatching services and improve response. The WCJCNA is a public agency. Metro and the WCJCNA have constructed separate multiprotocol label switching networks that consist of dark and leased fiber, microwave used for public safety purposes to enhance call delivery, call handling, and dispatching services to improve emergency response. This contract would allow Metro and WCJCNA to co-access each other's networks to allow for sharing data to

enhance call delivery, call handling, and dispatching services to improve emergency response.

The agreement takes effect upon approval of Council and execution by all required parties and would end on June 30, 2028. There will be no fees for system access, usage, or any other services provided, by either Metro or WCJCNA. Metro and WCJCNA would both be responsible for the procurement and maintenance of communication infrastructure on their respective sides of the county boundaries between the networks and system maintenance and repair of their respective systems. The parties may terminate the agreement for any reason by providing 365 days written notice of the termination.

*Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement. There are no fees for system access, usage, or any other services provided by Metro or WCJCNA due to the common benefit of the shared system controllers.*