



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-6467, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Institute of Forensic Sciences

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Executive Director & Chief Medical Examiner

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Interlocal Agreement

**Project ID** (if applicable):

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable):

**MWDBE Participation** (if applicable):

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of an easement agreement between Harris County, specifically Institute of Forensic Sciences (a member institution of the Texas Medical Center) and Texas Medical Center Central Heating and Cooling Services Corporation (TECO) to install and maintain expanded TECO Utilities to serve the Texas Medical Center expansion project TMC3.

**Background and Discussion:**

The agreement provides TECO a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement on property owned by Harris County located for the installation and maintenance of a chilled water line that will serve the Institute of Forensic Sciences as well as hospitals, research facilities, and learning institutions in the Texas Medical Center. TECO will construct a large, temporary shipping and receiving parking area (including lighting, fencing, driveway, etc) and a visitor parking area for the Institute of Forensic Sciences. Upon completion of the construction requiring the temporary easement, the Institute of Forensic Sciences will maintain the visitor parking area for future use.

**Expected Impact:**

This agreement supports the needs of the Texas Medical Center expansion project TMC3, by providing a mechanism for expanded TECO Utilities. And it supports the needs of the Institute of Forensic Sciences by providing a visitor parking area - the Institute currently has no visitor parking due to TMC3 construction.

**Alternative Options:**

If the easement is not approved, TMC3 projects would need to find access for TECO Utilities by other means which would be far less cost effective and more difficult to achieve. The Institute would not be able to accommodate visitors to its facility due to the limited visitor parking available.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

☐ Justice and Safety

- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☒ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action** (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Service Name			
	FY 21-22	FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Additional Budget Requested</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-

<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-
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**Anticipated Implementation Date:**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable):

Easement Agreement

Court Order