



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-1087, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Management and Budget

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Negotiation

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A

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

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval to negotiate for the acquisition of additional office and parking facilities near the County's properties at 1111 Fannin and 1010 Lamar, Houston, TX.

**Background and Discussion:**

Harris County owns two high-rise facilities outside of the downtown courthouse complex in Houston, 1111 Fannin and 1010 Lamar. The Office of Management and Budget and Engineering Department request authorization to negotiate for the acquisition of additional office and parking facilities near these two high-rises.

On January 30, 2024, Commissioners Court approved negotiation for another garage in the vicinity of the existing buildings. This approval to negotiate concerns additional facilities beyond what was approved already to meet additional needs.

**Expected Impact:**

The purchase of additional office and parking facilities near 1111 Fannin and 1010 Lamar would help alleviate the office space strain in the downtown courthouse complex. County departments that are not vital to courthouse operations could be relocated to free up space.

**Alternative Options:**

The County could explore other avenues to free up space in the downtown courthouse complex. One example is adopting a hoteling schema where employees are not designated to an assigned workspace. Instead, employees occupy available workspaces for the day. Another example is to have dedicated shared workspaces. Employees who currently work from home several days during the week would share a workspace with another employee who works a differing work from home schedule. Each workspace is fully utilized albeit by different people depending on the day.

**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): Choose an item.

**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Additional Budget Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)</b>				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-

Total Personnel	-	-	-	-
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**Anticipated Court Date:**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):**

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

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**Attachments** (if applicable):