

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

FROM: J. Tyrrell Taber, Presiding Judge
Jeanette Wiesenhofer, Court Director

DATE: June 9, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Court
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AGENDA TITLE:

Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Paradise Valley and the City of Tempe for the continued operation of the East Valley Regional Veterans Court.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends council to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe allowing Town of Paradise Valley to participate in the Maricopa County East Valley Regional Veterans Court.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 22-601, the presiding judge of the superior court in each county may establish a veterans' court to adjudicate cases filed in a justice court or a municipal court in the county.

On April 15, 2016, the Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court issued Administrative Order No. 2016-035, which established the East Valley Regional Veterans Treatment Court for the municipal courts in the East Valley of Maricopa County, including Tempe Municipal Court, Paradise Valley Municipal Court, Chandler Municipal Court, Scottsdale Municipal Court and other municipal courts as set forth in Administrative Order No. 2016-035, and provided that each municipal court would establish its own eligibility criteria for referral to the veterans court.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) outlines the duties and responsibilities, including cost sharing among the East Valley Regional Veterans Court participating municipalities, including Town of Paradise Valley. The terms of the IGA is for a period of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2027, for an initial term. After the expiration of the initial term, the parties can renew once for a five (5) year renewal term upon mutual written agreement by the presiding judge of each city.

The East Valley Regional Veterans Court serves the justice needs of those who served our country. EVRC regionalizes resources to resolve criminal matters and to improve the quality of life for Arizona Veterans and their families.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Maricopa County East Valley Regional Treatment Court (EVRVC) operates on a cost-sharing model. Courts will be charged a flat fee per case referred to EVRVC, and the flat fee is based on the average cost per case. The average cost per case is calculated by dividing the total costs by volume using data from the previous fiscal year. The average cost projected for FY23 is \$460 per case. Paradise Valley Municipal Court cost will not exceed \$5,000. The Court has an ongoing budget dedicated to fund operations of the EVRVC using its Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (grant fund).

No impact to general fund.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. IGA