



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to continue providing the ability to enter data in the City's system for maintaining finger and palm print booking records. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Lead Department**

Forensic Science Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

August 29, 2024 - Council approved the extension of the term of the interlocal agreement with Travis County.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Forensic Science recently changed vendors for maintenance of the Automated Biometric Identification Systems (ABIS), which maintains finger and palm print booking records, to Aware. The change to the new City vendor requires a technical update to the previous interlocal agreement with Travis County. The Aware ABIS is used to assist in identifying and booking criminal defendants based on finger and palm prints. The City and County determined that it is mutually beneficial for the County to continue entering finger and palm print records into the same database, increasing the search pool and statistical power of the database.