

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

October 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Michael Handoga

Date: 2026-09-08

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement Between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with an FY27 payment from Pinellas County of \$3,241,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is ratified) or \$4,041,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is not ratified).

Presenter(s): Michael Handoga - Fire Chief, Mark Zipeto - Deputy Fire Chief
EMS Operations

Staff Recommendation: City Commission approval of the EMS ALS First Responder Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin, providing for a payment of \$3,241,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is ratified) or \$4,041,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is not ratified) in FY27.

Strategic Themes: City Services

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: In FY27, the City will receive compensation from Pinellas County in the amount of \$3,241,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is ratified) or \$4,041,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is not ratified) to provide EMS ALS First Responders services, as described in "Appendix A" of the attached "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement".

Past Action: The City of Dunedin has previously entered into agreements with Pinellas County in prior years to provide EMS ALS First Responder services through the City's Fire Rescue Department.

Next Action: Approval of the referenced "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement" by the City of Dunedin Commission, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Attachments:

[A. 2026 ALSFR Dunedin Amendment 2 - FINAL \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

Background:

The City of Dunedin and Pinellas County have had an agreement in place for many years to provide EMS ALS First Responder services. The Dunedin Fire Rescue Department currently has thirteen (13) employees funded through the EMS agreement, and will continue to have thirteen (13) funded positions in FY27 if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is ratified, or seventeen (17) funded positions if Amendment 3 is not ratified.

In FY27, the City will receive compensation from Pinellas County in the amount of \$3,241,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is ratified) or \$4,041,474 (if Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 is not ratified) to provide EMS ALS First Responder services, as described in "Appendix A" of the attached "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement."

If Amendment 3 is not ratified, Pinellas County will fund Engine 60 as an Authority Funded ALS unit and will provide an EMS Administrative Coordinator and vehicle (Dunedin 501), up to a maximum of \$800,000 annually for FY27 and FY28, for a total of \$4,041,474 in FY27.

As such, staff hereby recommends City Commission approval to enter into a contractual agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin for providing EMS ALS First Responder Services, as detailed herein.