



## Legislation Text

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### Resolution to Approve Participation in the Interagency Agreement for Collaborative Technology and Services with Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority

Over the last several years, the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority have worked together to reduce the greater community's technology expenses by focusing on collaborating on providing common technology services in a collaborative fashion.

These common services often are provided through basically the same platforms, utilize the same software products and are supported by City, County and AATA staff with the same skill sets. The centralization of these common platforms and technology services has been the initial focus of the first two years of our technology collaboration plan and include documented successes like the combined City-County datacenters, County-City enterprise storage and servers, shared content management and email services, City-AATA IP phone services and a common City-County infrastructure manager.

The benefits of procuring, maintaining and providing these common platforms and services centrally, rather than separately results in an overall cost reduction for services to all of the taxpayers in Washtenaw County and especially those who are also residents of the City of Ann Arbor and customers of the AATA. Essentially, fixed costs of common technology services are spread over a larger economic base - thus, reducing the cost per unit served.

The purpose of this resolution is to move the interagency technology services collaboration activities to a more transparent platform that provides a means to formalize the various technology and service arrangements between the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and the AATA. The structure of the agreement provides a framework that ensures fair treatment of all participants and provides mutually acceptable procedures for entering into and exiting out of these services.

We recommend your approval.

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Reviewed by: Tom Crawford, Finance and Administration Area Administrator

Approved by: Roger Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority have worked together to reduce the greater community's technology expenses by focusing on collaborating on providing common technology services in a collaborative fashion;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority have demonstrated successful technology service collaborations;

Whereas, The benefits of procuring, maintaining and providing these common platforms and services centrally, rather than separately results in an overall cost reduction for services to all of the taxpayers in Washtenaw County and especially those who are also residents of the City of Ann Arbor and customers of the AATA; and

Whereas; The InterAgency Agreement For Collaborative Technology and Services provides a common, transparent platform that provides a means to formalize the various technology and service arrangements between the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and the AATA;

RESOLVED, That City Council approves participation in the Interagency Agreement for Collaborative Technology and Services with Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the InterAgency Agreement after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this Resolution.