



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Commander Jack Fichtel

DATE: November 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into an updated agreement for use of an outdoor firearms range between the Kendall County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Aurora Police Department (APD).

PURPOSE:

An updated Firing Range Use Agreement between the KCSO and APD will allow Aurora Police Officers access and use to an outdoor firing range that is owned and operated by the KCSO.

BACKGROUND:

The Aurora Police Department has had a long standing relationship with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department owns and operates an outdoor firing range, which they allow other police agencies access. The Aurora Police Department uses this outdoor range for certain activities that are outside the operating limits of the indoor range at the Aurora Police Department. An example of this is that the indoor range at the Aurora Police Department is 25 yards long. This distance is acceptable for working with handguns, however, when working with rifles, this distance is too short. The outdoor range allows officers to target their rifles in at 100 yards plus. The outdoor range also allows members of the Special Response Team Sniper Unit to train with greater distances to hone their marksmanship skills.

DISCUSSION:

A new Firing Range Use Agreement with the Kendall County Sheriff's Department has been sent to the Aurora Police Department for review and signature. The document for 2020 outlines indemnification (as have past documents), but highlights the mandatory range clean-up day for all agencies that participate in using the range on April 3rd, 2020.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this Firing Range Use Agreement for 2020 will allow Aurora Police Officers use to an outdoor range that will allow them to work with their firearms at a greater distance than is allowed by the indoor range at Aurora Police Headquarters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt the updated Firing Range Use Agreement between the Kendall County Sheriff's Office and the Aurora Police Department.

cc: Public Health, Safety, and Transportation Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into an updated agreement for use of an outdoor firearms range between the Kendall County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Aurora Police Department (APD).

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Police Department has had a long standing relationship with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department owns and operates an outdoor firing range, which they allow other police agencies access. The Aurora Police Department uses this outdoor range for certain activities that are outside the operating limits of the indoor range at the Aurora Police Department. An example of this is that the indoor range at the Aurora Police Department is 25 yards long. This distance is acceptable for working with handguns, however, when working with rifles, this distance is too short. The outdoor range allows officers to target their rifles in at 100 yards plus. The outdoor range also allows members of the Special Response Team Sniper Unit to train with greater distances to hone their marksmanship skills; and

WHEREAS, a new Firing Range Use Agreement with the Kendall County Sheriff's Department has been sent to the Aurora Police Department for review and signature. The document for 2020 outlines indemnification (as have past documents), but highlights the mandatory range clean-up day for all agencies that participate in using the range on April 3rd, 2020; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Firing Range Use Agreement for 2020 will allow Aurora Police Officers use to an outdoor range that will allow them to work with their firearms at a greater distance than is allowed by the indoor range at Aurora Police Headquarters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: to adopt the updated Firing Range Use Agreement between the Kendall County Sheriff's Office and the Aurora Police Department and allow the Chief of Police to sign the agreement.