



Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TRANSIT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO AMEND THE FY2025 BUDGET TO ALLOW FOR THE ADDITION OF FOUR FULL-TIME DRIVERS AND TWO FULL-TIME PARATRANSIT DRIVERS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE REQUESTED SERVICE LEVELS AS A PART OF THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro seeks to enhance public transit services to better serve the citizens of Jonesboro and the Arkansas State University campus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro and Arkansas State University have negotiated a contract that is mutually agreeable; and

WHEREAS, the contract outlines a 3 year term that establishes an annual fee of \$518,281.92 to be collected by the City of Jonesboro from Arkansas State University that will provide necessary funding for staffing, equipment depreciation, fuel cost and associated transit-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between the City of Jonesboro and Arkansas State University will improve transit accessibility, reduce traffic congestion, and support sustainable transportation initiatives in the region; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the obligations of the proposed transit service agreement with Arkansas State University and meet increased transit demands, the City of Jonesboro must add additional personnel, specifically four full-time drivers and two full-time Paratransit drivers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro finds it necessary to amend its FY2025 budget to accommodate the salaries, benefits, and associated costs of the additional full-time transit staff positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a transit service agreement with Arkansas State University, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. City of Jonesboro's [FY 2025] JETS budget will be amended by \$259,000 for revenue contracted to be received and respective operational expenses to include funding for four (4) full-time driver positions and two (2) full-time Paratransit driver positions, including salaries, benefits, and related operational expenses.