

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY WITH THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, CITIES OF ARVADA, GOLDEN, AND WHEAT RIDGE

WHEREAS, Part 2 of Article 1 of Title 29, C.R.S. permits and encourages governments to make the most efficient and effective use of their power and responsibilities by cooperating and contracting with other governments; and

WHEREAS, the County of Jefferson and Cities of Arvada, Golden, and Wheat Ridge currently have forensic crime laboratories which process evidence from crime scenes to aid in the detection and prosecution of criminals; and

WHEREAS, recent years have seen a sharp increase in the need for forensic analysis of evidence due to prosecutorial and legislative requirements; and

WHEREAS, it will be to the advantage of the municipal entities to cooperate to establish the Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory, enabling each entity to improve its law enforcement service for the public and to relieve and supplement the State Crime Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the municipal entities are willing to share in the expense of operating a regional forensic crime laboratory with the County of Jefferson constructing the facility and being the designated location for the crime laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Jefferson, and the Cities of Arvada, Golden, and Wheat Ridge that establishes the Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory serves a public purpose and will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lakewood and Jefferson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

1) The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jefferson County, and the Cities of Arvada, Golden, and Wheat Ridge pertaining to the establishment of the Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 10 for and 0 against at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 12, 2013, at 7 o'clock p.m. at Lakewood City Hall, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

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Bob Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Margy Greer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tim Cox, City Attorney