

Apache Junction Information Technology (IT) Department

| DATE: | October 14, 2024 |
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| то: | Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers |
| THROUGH: | Bryant Powell, City Manager |
| FROM: | Doug Wirthgen, IT Director |
| SUBJECT: | Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Mesa |

The Cities of Apache Junction and Mesa own, operate, and purchase similar and complementary information technology (IT) consisting of data, information, infrastructure, equipment, hardware, and software. They must also continually secure related services to install, operate, and maintain their IT infrastructure. Resolution 24-35 will authorize Apache Junction to enter into a mutually beneficial agreement with the City of Mesa for the cooperative use of Apache Junction and Mesa IT and related services to reduce operational and capital costs for both municipalities.

The establishment of this agreement will positively impact public safety. By example, Mesa currently supports Apache Junction's radio systems for Fire, Police, and Public Works via Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) using wireless technology. The new fiber infrastructure in the City of Apache Junction, along with Maricopa Association of Government's fiber donation to both cities, would enable TRWC to establish a fiber connection for these departments and stabilize communications.

Staff respectfully recommends the Mayor and Council approve the resolution and authorize this IT partnership.