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AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GILA LLC, *DBA* MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUREAU, FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNT COLLECTION SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF THREE YEARS, WITH TWO ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERMS AT THE CITY'S OPTION.

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WHEREAS, the Municipal Court (the "Court") is responsible for the adjudication of a variety of Class C misdemeanor and civil City Code offenses occurring within the city limits, including traffic, non-traffic, civil parking, and administrative offenses as provided by state law and City ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist with the collection of delinquent fines, fees and court costs, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a vendor to produce and mail collection letters, delinquency statements, undertake electronic and manual skip-tracing for cases with bad addresses, conduct bankruptcy and death records searches, place telephone calls and handle inquiries from customers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031, a 30 percent collection fee may be added to the amount owed and recovered from non-compliant violators with accounts that are more than 60 days past due that have been referred to a collection services vender, with the exception of indigent violators, cases dismissed by the court, or to any amount that has been satisfied through time-served credit or community service; and

WHEREAS, based on the review of the responses to the RFP and interviews conducted by an Evaluation Committee consisting of the Municipal Court Clerk, Municipal Court Legal Administrator, Assistant Director of Finance and SAPD Court Liaison, and the Committee recommended the award of a professional services agreement to Gila LLC, *dba* Municipal Services Bureau to provide the desired collection services; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council approves a professional services agreement with Gila LLC, *dba* Municipal Services Bureau for delinquent account collection services for Municipal Court for an initial term of three years, with two additional two-year terms at the City's option. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is included as **ATTACHMENT I.**

SECTION 2. FISCAL LANGUAGE RESERVED.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon receipt of at least eight affirmative votes or, if receiving fewer, on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this __ day of June, 2014.

Μ R Α Y 0 Julián Castro **APPROVED AS TO FORM: ATTEST:** Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk