

AN ORDINANCE 99909

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT \$45,251.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, founded in 1913, the Texas Municipal League ("TML") exists solely to provide services to Texas cities and represent the interests of member cities before legislative, administrative and judicial processes at both the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the TML services provided to member cities include direct assistance on legislative matters before the Texas Legislature, monthly legislative updates and research on specialized city concerns and the City has been a member of the organization since 1934; and

WHEREAS, during the 78th Legislative Session, the TML assisted the City in reviewing over 1,350 municipally related bills and, more importantly, the TML helped defeat 350 pieces of legislation that were deemed detrimental to Texas cities and during the Special Session on school finance called earlier this year, the TML was instrumental in identifying the potential harm that such reform could have on Texas cities; and

WHEREAS, the TML offers training through numerous workshops on land use, telecommunications, franchising, annexation and land development, grant writing, open government, employment law and youth programs, as well as the Annual Conference and Exhibition and the Annual Institute of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners and publications such as *Texas Town and City*, *TML Legislative Update*, *Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers in Home Rule Cities* and the *Texas City Officials Directory and Buyers Guide* offer member cities excellent means of communication and serve as valuable tools in alerting cities of important governmental or private sector actions or proposed actions, which may affect city operations; and

WHEREAS, the TML promotes constructive and cooperative relationships among cities and between the TML and other levels of governments, councils of governments, the National League of Cities, educational institutions, and the private sector and the TML provides any additional services or information which individual members may request that are consistent with a member cities' common interests and the TML's resources; and

WHEREAS, membership in the TML also allows elected and top appointed officials of the City the opportunity to serve on numerous committees and directly impact agenda and policy development; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. Payment to the Texas Municipal League for membership dues in the amount of \$45,251.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$45,251.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Cost Center 8002430001, General Ledger 5203050 entitled "Membership Dues", Fund Number 11001000 entitled "General Fund" and made payable to the Texas Municipal League when a purchase order is issued.

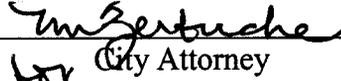
SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific cost centers, general ledgers and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2004.

ATTEST: 
City Clerk


M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

for City Attorney