

To: Mayor Dodgen and Council Members

Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Date: March 31, 2025

Re: Purchase of 10 Outdoor Warning Sirens

Historical Background

Outdoor warning sirens play a crucial role in public safety by providing early warnings for severe weather events, natural disasters, and other emergencies. These sirens alert people who are outdoors to seek shelter and stay informed through emergency broadcasts or mobile alerts. They are especially vital in areas prone to tornadoes, hurricanes, or hazardous material spills, where every second counts in preventing injury and saving lives.

Currently, the City has five existing outdoor warning sirens to alert our residents to hazardous weather conditions. There are four sirens (shown in White) primarily along the Guadalupe River as shown in the picture below. There is an additional siren located at Bauer Park. Guadalupe County and TLU also have existing sirens are shown blue that help cover portions of the city.



Action Requested

Authorization to purchase 10 warning sirens. The additional sirens will allow us to have outdoor siren warning to approximately 85-90% of the city. The coverage area with the new sirens in place is shown below. The proposed location sirens are noted in yellow and the existing ones are shown in white and blue. Please note there are also sirens that are owned by Guadalupe County shown to allow everyone to see all the existing coverage.



Procurement Methodology & Funding Source

This Capitol Project was approved with the FY2025 budget.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the purchase of 10 outdoor warning sirens from Joe Goddard Inc. be approved in the amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$330,000.

Attachments

Vender quotes.

Respectfully,

Dale Skinner Fire Chief