

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Issaquah for jail services.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This resolution allows the City to continue using Issaquah City Jail for jail services.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10497

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City of Bellevue contracts with three agencies to provide jail services: South Correctional Entity (SCORE), King County, and the City of Issaquah. SCORE remains the City's primary jail; however, Issaquah provides backup jail services for Bellevue inmates booked on misdemeanor investigations. Bellevue occasionally uses the Issaquah jail when other contracted jail facilities reach capacity or are limiting intake. On average, the City of Bellevue houses fewer than two percent of its inmates at the Issaquah jail facility.

In late 2024, Issaquah sent notice to the City of Bellevue that it was adjusting its rates and pricing structure to reflect the increasing costs of operating a jail facility. All the cities contracting with Issaquah for jail services received the same notice.

The new proposed interlocal agreement is substantially similar to the existing agreement. The primary change from the current agreement is that Bellevue will no longer have a minimum number of guaranteed beds that must be paid for regardless of use. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the City has access to beds at Issaquah's jail as available. The non-guaranteed bed rate is increasing from \$147 to \$200 per day, and Issaquah will assess a booking fee of \$20 for each inmate. Issaquah may increase the bed rate annually to reflect increased costs but must provide at least 90 days' advance notice of the proposed increase. Issaquah provides limited medical services that are available eight hours a day/seven days a week, however, because it currently cannot offer medical and/or psychiatric services on a 24-hour/seven days per week basis, it is unlikely Bellevue will increase its use of the Issaquah facility. Bellevue will continue to use the Issaquah jail to house the occasional inmate that does not require special services. The proposed agreement does not have a set end date but either party can terminate with 90 days' advance notice.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 39.34.180 and RCW 70.48.090 allow the City to contract with other cities or counties for jail services through an interlocal agreement. Executing this agreement will provide certainty and continuity of jail services from Issaquah.

Fiscal Impact

The new proposed interlocal agreement removes the guaranteed bed commitment, which is a cost savings for the City. Bellevue will only incur costs if an inmate is booked by Bellevue into the Issaquah jail on misdemeanor investigations. Issaquah will remain as a backup jail provider for Bellevue. There is sufficient budget in the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget for occasional inmate housing at Issaquah.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Issaquah for jail services.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10497

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed Interlocal Agreement between City of Issaquah, Washington and City of Bellevue, Washington, for the Housing of Inmate in the Issaquah City Jail