

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to increase the number of guaranteed beds to 35 and increase the service fees and charges.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

The Bellevue Police Department utilizes South County Correctional Entity (SCORE) for most of its inmate housing. The existing agreement with SCORE limits annual rate and fee increases to three percent. The proposed amendment includes two fee increases that exceed three percent and requires Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10426

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City of Bellevue currently contracts with three agencies to provide jail services for misdemeanor inmates: SCORE, King County Department of Adult Detention, and the City of Issaquah. Bellevue has contracted with SCORE for misdemeanor jail services since 2012 and is now the City's primary inmate housing provider.

SCORE has become the City's preferred jail facility because it offers medical and psychiatric care and provides video court services. Since the Issaquah jail facility does not offer medical or psychiatric care, it is unable to accept inmates needing these services. The King County jail facility only accepts mandatory booking misdemeanor crimes (Domestic Violence and DUI) and also currently does not offer video court. Video court allows for court hearings to be held remotely, where the inmate does not have to be physically transferred to the courtroom for a hearing. Video court not only reduces the City's operational costs of fuel, vehicles, and personnel, as Bellevue Police Department employees are no longer required to regularly transport inmates to court, but also reduces safety concerns during transport and at the courthouse.

Council approved the current five-year Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing with SCORE in November 2020. That agreement provides that any increases to service fees or charges will not exceed three percent per year. Since 2020, the City and SCORE have amended the agreement several times to adjust the number of guaranteed beds. In 2023, Council approved an amendment to the agreement to increase the booking fee from \$50 to \$65 and the transport/security fee from \$75 to \$85 per hour. Earlier this year, SCORE notified the City that it is again increasing its booking fee and transport/security fee by more than three percent, from \$65 to \$80 for the booking fee and from \$85 to \$89 per hour for the transport/security fee. As anticipated, the daily housing rates and surcharges will also increase by three percent. Staff believe the increases are reasonable. If approved, the amendment

will also increase the City's number of guaranteed beds from 30 to 35 to better reflect current usage.

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 (ILA). Executing this amendment will provide certainty and continuity of service for inmate housing, giving the City the flexibility to serve the needs of its inmate population while keeping costs down.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, this amendment will be effective January 1, 2025. The City is committing to 35 guaranteed beds with the option to amend this number in the future to better reflect actual usage. Based on current contract language, any increase to the general population daily housing rate, daily rate surcharges, or other services provided by SCORE will not exceed three percent per year.

The proposed rates and charges for 2025 are listed below:

Daily Housing Rates:

General Population – Guaranteed Beds	\$144.07 (3% increase)	No. of Beds: 35
General Population – Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$207.10 (3% increase)	

Daily Rate Surcharges:

Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$168.68 (3% increase)
Medical – Acute Beds	\$230.22 (3% increase)
Mental Health – Acute Beds	\$294.93 (3% increase)
Booking Fee	\$80.00 (23% increase)
Transport/Security Fee	\$89.00/hr. (5% increase)

The current 2024 rates and charges are listed below:

Daily Housing Rates:

General Population – Guaranteed Beds	\$142.58	No. of Guaranteed Beds: 30
General Population – Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$204.97	

Daily Rate Surcharges:

Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$163.77
Medical – Acute Beds	\$223.51
Mental Health – Acute Beds	\$286.34
Booking Fee	\$65.00
Transport/Security Fee	\$85.00/hr.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to increase the number of guaranteed beds to 35 and increase the service fees and charges.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10426

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

SCORE Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing
SCORE Agreement Amendment 1
SCORE Agreement Amendment 2
SCORE Agreement Amendment 3
SCORE Agreement Amendment 4
SCORE Agreement Amendment 5
SCORE Agreement Amendment 6
SCORE Proposed Amendment 7