

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of a three-year interlocal agreement (ILA) with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) for inmate housing.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

The Bellevue Police Department utilizes the South County Correctional Entity (SCORE) jail for most of its inmate housing. The current ILA with SCORE expires on December 31, 2025 and a new agreement is needed to continue housing Bellevue inmates. If approved, the Resolution would authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with SCORE for inmate housing through December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10558

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 felony-level and mandatory booking misdemeanor crimes (Domestic Violence and DUI) and 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. This 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. This also reduces safety concerns during transport and at the courthouse.

There are currently no local jail alternatives that offer both general population inmate housing as well as medical and psychiatric care along with video court. SCORE houses inmates for approximately 44 agencies around the Puget sound region.

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 ILA will provide certainty and continuity of service for inmate housing. This ILA, in concert with the City's contracts for jail services with King County and Issaquah, will give the City the flexibility to serve the needs of its inmate population while keeping costs down.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, the ILA will be effective January 1, 2026, and will terminate on December 31, 2028. The City is committing to 45 guaranteed beds with the option of amending this number in the future to better reflect actual usage.

The proposed rates and charges for 2026 are listed below:

Daily Housing Rates:

General Population – Guaranteed Beds	\$155.69	No. of Beds: 45
General Population – Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$223.83	

Daily Rate Surcharges:

Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$178.84
Medical – Acute Beds	\$244.07
Mental Health – Acute Beds	\$312.68
Booking Fee	\$95.00
Transport/Security Fee	\$94.00/hour
Video Court Fee	\$75.00/per court calendar hearing appearance

The anticipated budget impact of the proposed ILA through 2028 is as follows. Sufficient funding is available in the adopted 2025-2026 general fund budget. If additional funding is required, staff will revisit for further council review and consideration. Unless otherwise agreed to, any new fees and charges will become effective on January 1 of the following year.

	2026	2027	2028
Guaranteed Beds	\$ 2,557,208	\$ 3,377,563	\$ 3,981,797
Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$ 663,963	\$ 397,542	\$ 633,904
Mental Health - Residential Beds	\$ 563,799	\$ 669,489	\$ 794,991
Medical - Acute Beds	\$ 236,601	\$ 280,935	\$ 333,576
Mental Health - Acute Beds	\$ 65,384	\$ 77,637	\$ 92,187
Video Court	\$ 204,300	\$ 215,778	\$ 227,900
Other Charges	\$ 255,165	\$ 324,954	\$ 416,934
Total	\$ 4,546,420	\$ 5,343,897	\$ 6,481,290

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a three-year interlocal agreement (ILA) with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) for inmate housing.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10558

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Proposed SCORE Interlocal Agreement