

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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 15 and increase the service fees and charges.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution would authorize execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and South Correctional Entity (SCORE) for inmate housing. If approved, the amendment would increase the number of guaranteed beds from 12 to 15 and increase service fees and charges.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10180

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City of Bellevue currently contracts with three agencies to provide jail services for misdemeanor inmates: South Correctional Entity (SCORE), King County Department of Adult Detention, and the City of Issaquah. Bellevue has contracted with SCORE for misdemeanor jail services since 2012 and it 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. Because 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 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. 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.

Council approved the current five-year Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing with SCORE in November 2020. That agreement stated that any increases to service fees or charges would not exceed three percent per year. Earlier this year, SCORE notified its contract agencies that, effective January 1, 2023, it would be raising its rate for transport/hospital security from \$65 to \$75 per hour and its booking fee from \$35 to \$50 to better support the increasing costs of providing 24-hour medical coverage and mental health services. Approximately 90 percent of SCORE's population requires either medical or mental health services while in custody and staff believe these increases are reasonable. The daily housing rates will increase by three percent and the daily rate surcharges will remain the same. If approved, this amendment will also increase the City's number of guaranteed beds from 12 to 15 to better reflect actual 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, 2023. The fiscal impact of this amendment will result in an increase of approximately \$16,500 for 2023 and will be accommodated within the department's 2023 budget once adopted.

The proposed rates and charges for 2023 are listed below:

Daily Housing Rates

General Population – Guaranteed Beds	\$135.80	No. of Beds: 15
General Population – Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$195.21	

Daily Rate Surcharges

Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$159.00 (no change)
Medical – Acute Beds	\$217.00 (no change)
Mental Health – Acute Beds	\$278.00 (no change)

<u>Booking Fee</u>	\$50.00
<u>Transport/Security Fee</u>	\$75.00/hr

The current 2022 rates and charges are listed below:

Daily Housing Rates

General Population – Guaranteed Beds	\$131.84	No. of Beds: 12
General Population – Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$189.52	

Daily Rate Surcharges

Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$159.00
Medical – Acute Beds	\$217.00
Mental Health – Acute Beds	\$278.00

<u>Booking Fee</u>	\$35.00
<u>Transport/Security Fee</u>	\$65.00/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 15 and increase the service fees and charges.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10180

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

SCORE Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing

SCORE Agreement Amendment 1

SCORE Agreement Amendment 2

SCORE Proposed Amendment 3