

**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 30 and increase the service fees and charges.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

South County Correctional Entity (SCORE) provides the majority of inmate housing for the Police Department. The current agreement with SCORE limits annual rate and fee increases to three percent. The proposed amendment includes two fee increases which exceed three percent and requires Council approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10314.

**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 it is now the City's primary inmate housing provider.

SCORE has become the City's primary jail facility because it offers medical and psychiatric care and provides video court services. The City of Issaquah jail facility does not offer medical or psychiatric care and is unable to accept inmates needing these services. The King County jail facility only accepts mandatory booking misdemeanor crimes (Domestic Violence and DUI) and does not currently 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 for fuel, vehicles, and personnel to 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. Earlier this year, SCORE notified the Bellevue Police Department that, effective January 1, 2024, it would be increasing its booking fee from \$50 to \$65 and its transport/security fee from \$75 to \$85 per hour. The daily housing rates and surcharges will increase by three percent. Staff believe the increases are reasonable. If approved, this amendment will also increase the City's number of guaranteed beds from 25 to 30 to better reflect actual usage.

Description	2023 Rate	2024 Rate	% Change
Daily Housing-Guaranteed Beds	\$135.80	\$139.87	3%
Daily Housing-Non-Guaranteed Beds	\$195.21	\$201.07	3%
Surcharge-Mental Health Residential	\$159.00	\$163.77	3%
Surcharge-Medical Acute	\$217.00	\$223.51	3%
Surcharge-Mental Health Acute	\$278.00	\$286.34	3%
<b>Booking Fee</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Transport/Security Fee</b>	<b>\$75.00/hour</b>	<b>\$85.00/hour</b>	<b>13%</b>

## 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, 2024. The City is committing to 30 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. Funding is available in the adopted 2023-2024 General Fund budget.

## 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 30 and increase the service fees and charges.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10314

## 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 Proposed Amendment 6