



RESOLUTION NO. 41103

1 A RESOLUTION relating to jail services; authorizing the execution of an
2 amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, in an amount not to
3 exceed \$2,000,000, budgeted from the General Fund, for the purpose of
4 extending the jail services agreement for an additional six months, effective
5 January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023.

6 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 39216, the City
7 Council authorized the execution of an agreement with Pierce County to provide
8 jail services for the City of Tacoma, effective July 1, 2015, through December 31,
9 2020, and

10 WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation
11 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of
12 Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak in
13 the United States, and

14 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager and Mayor, pursuant to
15 Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and Chapter 38.52 of the Revised
16 Code of Washington, proclaimed that an emergency existed caused by COVID-19
17 in the City of Tacoma, and

18 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department
19 Corrections Bureau notified the City that in response to confirmed cases of
20 COVID-19 in Pierce County and the potential impact of the virus upon the inmate
21 populations, and in an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, the
22 Corrections Bureau was implementing new booking policies at the Pierce County
23 Jail to limit bookings, in particular individuals arrested for misdemeanor offenses,
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WHEREAS the new booking policies, as might be modified over time, would be in place for as long as Pierce County determined reasonable and necessary to protect the health and welfare of the inmates of the Pierce County Jail and Corrections Bureau staff, and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, Pierce County proposed that the jail services agreement expiring on December 31, 2020, be extended for one year, upon the same terms and conditions, because of the existing pandemic and its impacts upon Pierce County Correction Bureau operations and misdemeanor arrest policies and practices of the Tacoma Police Department, which made it difficult to develop data that would inform discussions of a new jail services contract, and

WHEREAS the jail services agreement was extended for a period of one year through December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, at the end of year 2021, the Pierce County Corrections Bureau continued with limited bookings of misdemeanor offenders due to the continued increase in COVID-19 cases, and the City and Pierce County agreed to extend the term of the jail services agreement for an additional year, with an expiration date of December 31, 2022, upon the same terms and conditions, subject to increases in rates as provided for in the agreement, and

WHEREAS the City and the County have been in discussions regarding a new jail services agreement, and Pierce County has agreed to a six-month extension of the current jail services agreement, upon the same terms and conditions, subject to increases in rates as provided for in the agreement, to allow time for the parties to finalize a new jail services agreement, and



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WHEREAS the City Council finds that it would be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to extend the Pierce County jail services agreement for six months, from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, budgeted from the General Fund; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, budgeted from the General Fund, for the purpose of extending the jail services agreement for an additional six months, effective January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, said amendment to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney