



RESOLUTION NO. 39288

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL, LONERGAN, AND
2 WOODARDS

3 A RESOLUTION relating to public safety and human services; authorizing the
4 execution of an incarceration services agreement with Yakima County,
5 effective November 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, with an automatic
6 renewal upon the same terms and conditions for successive one-year
7 renewal terms, for a maximum of five years, for prisoner housing and
8 transportation services for the City of Tacoma.

9 WHEREAS, in June 2015, the City Council approved incarceration services
10 agreements with Pierce County, the Nisqually Tribe, and the South Correctional
11 Entity ("SCORE"), and

12 WHEREAS the City of Fife ("Fife") was responsible for coordinating jail
13 services for the City's inmates and managing inmate housing needs, and

14 WHEREAS, prior to July, Yakima County was a key provider of jail
15 services to the City through the Fife jail services contract, and

16 WHEREAS, in a letter dated July 15, 2015, the Director of the Yakima
17 County Department of Corrections ("YCDOC") expressed interest in continuing
18 to house the City's inmates through a direct contract with the YCDOC, and

19 WHEREAS the YCDOC's service reliability and responsiveness to the
20 needs of the City have been favorable, and

21 WHEREAS a team of representatives from the City Manager's Office,
22 City Attorney's Office, and Tacoma Municipal Court recently toured jail buildings
23 managed by the YCDOC and conducted detailed interviews with the Director,
24 Chief of Operations, and the medical/mental health services team, relating to the
25 direction of the jail system and level of care provided to inmates, and
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WHEREAS the YCDOC has sufficient capacity to handle the City's inmate overflow from the Pierce County and Nisqually jails, and has a number of contracts in place with other entities which will make transportation services readily available, and

WHEREAS an agreement with YCDOC for prisoner housing and transportation would provide sufficient space for current and anticipated needs, flexibility for future growth, and cost-effectiveness of services, and

WHEREAS staff recommends that the City enter into an agreement with YCDOC in order to address the reduced jail bed capacity when the SCORE agreement expires at the end of 2015, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 24, 2015, the Public Safety, Human Services and Education ("PSHSE") Committee considered the proposed agreement and recommended it for consideration by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers are hereby authorized to execute an incarceration services agreement with Yakima County, effective November 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, with an automatic renewal upon the same terms and conditions for successive one-year renewal terms, for a maximum of



1 five years, for prisoner housing and transportation services for the City of
2 Tacoma, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file
3 in the office of the City Clerk.
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8 Mayor

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11 City Clerk

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15 Deputy City Attorney

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