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FROM: Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, *CDB* City Attorney's Office; Andy Cherullo, Finance Director.
COPY: City Council, City Clerk, Nora Blakeslee, Criminal Justice Analyst
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing five (5) year contract with Pierce County Corrections for the provision of Jailing Services – June 27th 2023 City Council Meeting
DATE: June 7, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

The Legal and Finance Departments of the City of Tacoma seek a resolution authorizing appropriate city officials to execute an agreement with Pierce County for jail services for a period of five (5) years in an amount not to exceed \$9,600,000

BACKGROUND:

The City Council on June 16, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 39216, authorized the execution of an agreement with Pierce County to provide jail services for the City of Tacoma effective July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2020. On March 12, 2020, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Corrections Bureau, in response to confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Pierce County and the potential impact of the virus upon the inmate populations, implemented new booking policies limiting bookings of misdemeanor offenders in an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

The impacts of the pandemic upon misdemeanor bookings have made it difficult to develop data that will inform discussions of a new jail services contract. As a result, Pierce County requested that the City agree to extend the current jail services contract upon the same terms and conditions for a period of one-year through December 31, 2021. In January 2022, for the same reasons, the City and Pierce County agreed to a one-year extension from January 2022, through December 31, 2022.

In January of 2023, the City Manager authorized a six (6) month extension of Jail Services contract to allow the City and County additional time to develop a new Jail Services Contract. The proposed five (5) year contract from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2028, is needed for the City to book and house misdemeanor offenders for violations of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

If the Jail Services Contract is not approved prior to its expiration on July 1, 2023, the City will not have a jail service agreement in place in Pierce County to book or sentence misdemeanor offenders.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents. The proposed contract ensures the continued availability of bed space for misdemeanor offenders arrested for violation of the Tacoma Municipal Code.



Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity
Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Very Low Opportunity
Choose an item.
N/A

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Very High Opportunity
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).
Allows individuals to be arrested for violation Tacoma Municipal Code

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Not approve contract	None	City will have to book misdemeanor offenders in an alternative jail and use commissioned police officers to transport arrestees to the alternate jail site for booking
2.		
3.		

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff's recommendation is to authorize execution of five (5) year contract with Pierce County Corrections.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 0010 General Fund	654000	5620000	\$ 9,600,000
2.			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

General Fund

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Jail cost are currently budget in the biennial budget. The total amount of \$9,600,000 should cover the cost for Jail Services through the end of December 31, 2028.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

TPD officers will be required to transport offenders to an alternate jail location for booking.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

This is a contract to provide Jail Services at the Pierce County Jail.

ATTACHMENTS:

No attachments.