



**TO:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**FROM:** Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager/NCS Director, City Manager's Office; T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing a One Year Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife for Electronic Home Monitoring and Related Service for Offenders – December 16, 2014  
**DATE:** December 3, 2014

**SUMMARY:**

Resolution authorizing a one year renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife for Electronic Home Monitoring and related service for offenders.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

The Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife for the Electronic Home Monitoring Program best aligns with the strategic policy priority below:

- Strengthen and support public safety, human services, public education, and diverse higher learning opportunities in Tacoma.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 18, 2012, the City Council approved Resolution 38586 to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife to utilize Fife's Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) Program services. The Tacoma Municipal Court used EHM as an alternative to incarceration for misdemeanor offenders and the Court Judges wished to expand the program to include placing offenders on the program at the City's expense in order to decrease jail costs.

Before the Interlocal Agreement with Fife, the Court used two separate private vendors for the City's EHM service, making Fife's program preferable since offenders are monitored 24 hours per day, seven days per week, by professional corrections officers. Violations are reported through the EHM device communications link and the Court can be notified of non-compliance. The Fife EHM program also utilizes state-of-the-art equipment that tracks offenders through parameters that can be established by locations and time, and may also be equipped with a blood alcohol reading device if deemed appropriate by the Court. The monitoring devices are also equipped with an audible alarm that may encourage offenders to be compliant.

The Interlocal Agreement was executed by both parties on January 28, 2013. That Agreement was for a term of two years and provided an option for one year renewals upon the expiration of the original term with written notice 30 days prior to the expiration of the Interlocal Agreement. The City provided the written notice with its desire to renew the Interlocal Agreement.

The costs to continue services with the Fife EHM Program are approximately \$115.50 per week for standard service and \$120.75 per week for standard service plus blood alcohol monitoring. Costs include monitoring, customer service, and notification to offenders and the court.

**ISSUE:**

The parties wish to renew the Agreement for one year with a new expiration date of December 31, 2015.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would be to incarcerate offenders eligible for the program or use private EHM vendors, both of these options would be cost prohibitive.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommend that the City Council authorize a one year renewal of the Interlocal Agreement to reduce costs and because of the state-of-the art equipment available with Fife's EHM Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City's current jail costs are approximately \$433,179 per month. Continuing the EHM Program with Fife is expected to reduce the number of prisoners in jail and result in lower jail costs.

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
General Fund 010	228300	5620000	\$409,382
<b>TOTAL</b>			

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**FISCAL IMPACT TO 2015 BUDGET: \$409,382**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**