



**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Kathryn Johnston, Budget Officer  
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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing One-Year extension of Pierce County Jail Services Contract –  
December 1, 2020  
**DATE:** November 16, 2020

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution authorizing appropriate city officials to execute an agreement with Pierce County extending the current jail service agreement for one-year in an amount not to exceed \$2,798,849.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council on June 16, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 39216, authorized the execution 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 make it difficult to develop data that will inform discussions of a new jail services contract. As a result, Pierce County has 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.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the Jail Services Agreement with Pierce County should be extended for a period of one year as the primary jail for booking and sentencing of City of Tacoma misdemeanor offenders.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If the Jail Services Agreement is not extended prior to its expiration on December 31, 2020 the City will not have a jail service agreement in place to book or sentence misdemeanor offenders.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff’s recommendation is to authorize execution of the one-year extension.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated costs for the one-year extension is \$2,798,849 and has been included in the proposed biennial budget for 2021-2022.

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010 - General Fund	654000	5620000	\$2,798,849
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,798,849</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$0**

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