



RESOLUTION NO. 39218

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public safety and human services; authorizing the
2 execution of a short-term emergency agreement with the South
3 Correctional Entity ("SCORE") for jail services.

4 WHEREAS the City currently holds an agreement with Pierce County for
5 booking and incarceration needs, which is set to expire on December 31, 2015,
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in March 2015, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office suspended
8 services to the City based upon staffing shortages, and

9 WHEREAS the City also received notice from the City of Fife on March 2,
10 2015, terminating the Jail Services Agreement Between the City of Fife and City
11 of Tacoma effective May 30, 2015, and

12 WHEREAS, in late February, the City began working with Pierce County
13 on a long-term agreement to supersede and replace the current agreement
14 between the parties, as it became clear that an agreement for a long-term
15 agreement with the City of Fife was unlikely, and

16 WHEREAS the new proposed five-year jail services agreement with
17 Pierce County provides that by October 1, 2015, the Pierce County Jail will be
18 able to house up to 75 pre-sentence inmates daily,

19 WHEREAS the average daily number of pre-sentence inmates will likely
20 exceed the daily inmate capacity that will be reserved at the Pierce County Jail
21 under the proposed new Pierce County Jail Services Agreement, and

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WHEREAS the South Correctional Entity (“SCORE”) currently houses City of Tacoma inmates under the jail services agreement between the City and the City of Fife, and

WHEREAS the City has been working with SCORE on an emergency agreement to provide for housing of pre-sentence inmates when the Pierce County Jail meets the inmate bed capacity as provided in the Pierce County Jail Services Agreement, and

WHEREAS SCORE has agreed to enter into a standard emergency agreement with the City to provide booking and incarceration services at a reduced cities rate of \$97 per inmate, per day, at a guaranteed bed rate of 50 inmates per day, which matches the current City inmate count at SCORE, and

WHEREAS the proposed agreement further provides that the City may elect to pay a non-guaranteed bed rate of \$145 per inmate, per day (adjusted annually for inflation), as the need for bed capacity at SCORE is reduced as a result of the increase in capacity at the Pierce County Jail, and

WHEREAS the proposed agreement with SCORE, in conjunction with proposed agreements with the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Pierce County, will address the immediate need to replace the jail and related services no longer being provided by the City of Fife, and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting held on June 10, 2015, the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee considered the proposed agreement with SCORE, together with the proposed Pierce County Jail Services Agreement and the Nisqually Indian Tribe Jail Services Agreement, and



recommended all three agreements for consideration by the City Council; Now,

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Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a Jail Services Agreement with South Correctional Entity to provide jail services to the City, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney