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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a six-month extension of the Pierce County Jail Services Agreement, from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023 – December 20, 2022
DATE: December 13, 2022

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, budgeted from the General Fund, to extend the jail services agreement for a period of six months, from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023.

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 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. This proposed six-month extension, from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, is needed to allow the City and County additional time to develop a new jail services agreement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

If the Jail Services Agreement is not extended prior to its expiration on December 31, 2022, the City will not have a jail service agreement in place to book or sentence misdemeanor offenders.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

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.



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

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Very Low Opportunity

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 of the 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. Make no changes	City will have Jail Housing	No negative Impact
2.		
3.		

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff's recommendation is to authorize execution of the six (6) month extension.

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	659000	5620000	\$2,000,000
2.			
TOTAL			



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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

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

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

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

No

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

ATTACHMENTS:

List attachments using bullet points.