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SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Sentinel Electronic Home Monitoring Contract Extension –
April 24, 2018
DATE: April 9, 2018

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing an amendment to the electronic home monitoring services contract with Sentinel Offender Services to extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2018, and to allow for two additional administrative one-year extensions through the end of 2020, for a total maximum contract amount of \$1,110,000.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the State of Washington, through NASP (National Association of State Procurement Officials) engaged in a competitive solicitation for a master contract for electronic offender monitoring services, awarding a master contract to Sentinel Offenders Services, LLC (Sentinel) with a final term ending on June 3, 2023. In December 2016, the electronic home monitoring (EHM) service agreement with the City of Fife ended and the City entered into an EHM services agreement with Sentinel using the State master contract.

The proposed amendment to this Agreement would add enhanced radio frequency electronic monitoring devices as a new service (eliminates the need for a landline or cell phone), authorize EHM services to be provided to Pierce County District Court (see discussion below), authorize after-hours services, extend the term of the agreement through the end of 2018, and authorize two administrative one-year extensions of the agreement through the end of 2020, with a total maximum contract amount of \$1,110,000.

Sentinel currently provides EHM services to the Tacoma Municipal Court using office space in the County-City building provided by the Tacoma Municipal Court. Sentinel has requested that the City amend the current Agreement to allow Sentinel to use this office space to provide EHM services to the Pierce County District Court. Sentinel has agreed to provide a credit to the City for each District Court participant enrolled in the Sentinel EHM program at this location.

ISSUE:

The City currently contracts with Sentinel to provide electronic home monitoring as an alternative to incarceration. The contract must be extended in order to maintain these services.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the contract is not extended, the Tacoma Municipal Court would have no option to provide electronic home monitoring services for indigent offenders. The City could also engage in a competitive solicitation process to contract with another entity for electronic home monitoring services.



RECOMMENDATION:

The City Attorney’s Office supports approval of this contract amendment because the underlying contract was procured through a competitive selection process, the Municipal Court has expressed overall satisfaction with the services being received, and the availability of electronic home monitoring services helps reduce jail overcrowding and reduces the overall costs of incarceration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010 General Fund	654000	5620000	\$1,110,000
TOTAL			

* General Fund: Include Department

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$536,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes