



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of interlocal agreements between  
King County and twenty-three cities for jail services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

**SECTION 1. Findings:**

A. In 2002, King County entered into an interlocal agreement for jail services with most cities in the county ("the 2002 agreement").

B. In 2010, King County and twenty-four cities ("the extension cities") signed an amendment to the 2002 agreement that both improved cost recovery for the county and extended the term of the 2002 agreement to 2016 ("the 2016 agreement"). The list of the extension cities is Attachment A to this ordinance.

C. In the fall of 2010, the county and the cities that signed the 2016 agreement began negotiations on possible improvements to the model for calculating the jail fees and, for any interested cities, other provisions for creating a long-term, durable arrangement for misdemeanor jail services.

D. Working with a group of the extension cities on the jail agreement administration group, two new contracting options were developed to provide the extension cities with a range of choices. One option ("the 2030 agreement") has a term that runs through 2030 and is modeled after the long-term, durable agreement with the city of Seattle approved by council in Ordinance 17199 on September 26, 2011. Other than the city of Seattle, none of the extension cities to date have indicated their intent to sign the agreement.

E. The second option, which replaces the 2016 agreement, is the attached agreement and has a term that runs through 2020. Most of the extension cities have indicated their intent to sign the agreement. Compared to

the 2030 agreement, the attached agreement has a shorter term, does not require a minimum use of jail beds or a contribution to capital costs for jail expansion, and is easier for either party to terminate. Along with this more-flexible commitment, the booking and daily fees are higher than the 2030 agreement and the number of jail beds in the aggregate provided by the county is capped at seventy-five through 2016 and is reset at the county's discretion each year thereafter through 2020.

SECTION 2. The executive is hereby authorized to execute interlocal agreements for jail services with the extension cities, except the city of Seattle, in substantially the form of Attachment B to this ordinance.