



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to regional jail services authorizing the execution of an amended interlocal agreement between King County and cities for jail services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. King County currently provides jail services to thirty-seven cities under an interlocal agreement approved in 2002 ("the 2002 agreement"). That agreement expires December 31, 2012.

B. At the time the county approved the 2002 agreement, the county also agreed to transfer to the city of Bellevue, on behalf of the cities signatory to the 2002 agreement, a parcel of real property known as the Eastside Justice Center site. The property transfer agreement allowed for the sale of the Eastside Justice Center site by the cities and use of the proceeds to contribute to the cost of building or contracting for secure capacity, and building or contracting for alternative corrections facilities, sufficient to enable the contract cities to reduce the number of city inmates in the King County system to zero by January 1, 2013.

C. In 2009, the city of Bellevue sold the Eastside Justice Center site and is now in the process of distributing net proceeds of that sale in the amount of \$13,000,116.20 to all thirty-nine cities in King County in accordance with an allocation formula agreed to by and between these cities.

D. Currently, the cities of Kent, Auburn, Enumclaw, Renton, Issaquah and Kirkland each operate their own misdemeanor detention facilities. Many other cities have short-term holding facilities for persons awaiting arraignment or transfer to longer term detention. The vast majority of cities in King County have entered into

contracts with jail service providers in addition to King County to house at least some of their city misdemeanants. Only about forty percent of city misdemeanants are currently housed in county jail facilities.

E. Cities that have historically contracted with King County for jail services are proceeding with plans to house more of their inmates outside of the King County system; however, some of these cities will be unable to construct or acquire additional secure detention facilities sufficient to remove their inmates from the King County system by January 1, 2013.

F. In 2007, King County entered into negotiations with the Jail Advisory Group, composed of all cities signatory to the 2002 agreement, seeking changes to the 2002 agreement that would improve cost recovery under the agreement for services provided by the county to city-responsible inmates. The Jail Advisory Group in exchange sought a short-term extension of the 2002 agreement. The parties were unable to reach agreement and negotiations ceased in early 2008. Negotiations were restarted in August 2008 at the request of the cities and the county council when King County determined that it would have detention capacity in excess of its own needs for some period beyond December 31, 2012.

G. King County has determined that it will have detention capacity in excess of its own needs and its obligations to the state department of corrections through December 31, 2015.

H. The attached Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between King County and the City of ** for Jail Services provides an additional three years of jail service for cities beyond the term of the existing agreement, protects the county from overcrowding in general and special populations, and incorporates a new rate model which enhances the cost recovery for the county on the services provided to city-responsible inmates.

SECTION 2. The King County executive is hereby authorized to execute the Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between King County and the City of ** for Jail

Services for Jail Services in substantially the form of the attached Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between King County and the City of ** for Jail Services.