



Staff Report – Consent Agenda

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Addendum to Interlocal Agreement (ILA) – School Resource Officers
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BACKGROUND: This addendum to the ILA changes the financial contribution ratios between the Camas School District and the City of Camas. The original ILA was signed by the parties in the year 2000. It split the program cost on a 50-50 basis. Since then, the City and the District have learned through experience that the actual commitment of time was more directed towards work performed for the School District, making the 50-50 split an undesirable financial model.

SUMMARY: In 2019, the Camas School District worked with the Camas Police Department to add a second School Resource Officer to the program and to amend the Interlocal Agreement’s language related to the expense distribution ratios. The new financial agreement calls for the School District to reimburse the City for 75% of the program costs, leaving the City to pick up the other 25%. This new cost sharing formula more closely matches the distribution of the officer’s time spent on school related matters.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item? To update the ILA cost sharing formula.

What’s the data? What does the data tell us? Research of other SRO programs showed that the 50-50 split was favorable to the school and that most other programs used a cost sharing formula that placed a higher ratio on the school district.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement? They have not been engaged on the change to the ILA, however, it was presented on at City Council meetings, which are open to the public.

Who will benefit from or be burdened by this agenda item? The City of Camas will benefit in a budget capacity. The Camas School District will be burdened in a budget capacity.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences? None are predicted in this new financial arrangement.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact. One could argue that the Camas School District is diverting some of their tax dollars towards the SRO program. Taxes, in general, are often viewed as having a greater impact on the poor or those with fixed/limited incomes.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibility for people with disabilities? N/A

What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)? It has already been vetted by both the Camas School Board and the Camas City Council. It was approved by the Camas School Board on September 14th, 2020. There are no implementation hurdles that are apparent, either operational or political.

How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results? The Finance Department will be responsible to invoice the Camas School District for program expenses under the new cost sharing model. The Finance Department is audited by the Washington State Auditor's Office on all aspects of financial management and contract oversight and compliance. There is no need for on-going communication or evaluation, given the nature of this change.

BUDGET IMPACT: The change in the ILA drops the City's contribution ratio to 25% for each police officer assigned to the SRO program. Because two police officers are assigned to the SRO program, the combined City contribution (in dollars) remains at the same level as was budgeted. In review with the Finance Director, no financial impact was predicted for the City of Camas.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Addendum to Inter-local Agreement – School Resource Officers.