

## **Staff Report**

August 7, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

## ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR SRO SERVICES

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Camas Police Department and the Camas School District have a lengthy history of partnership with the School Resource Officer program. Recently, the CSD has encountered a funding gap requiring reductions in services. One of the considerations was to cut the SRO program from two officers to one for the upcoming school year. Both the City and the School District recognized the benefit of the SRO program and proposed to amend the cost-sharing structure for the program.

**SUMMARY:** Attached is the Second Addendum to the Inter-local Agreement between the City and School District for the SRO funding.

The changes are outlined in section two. The previous agreement included a cost-sharing formula of 75% funded by the School and 25% funded by the City. The proposed amendment shifts the cost sharing to 50% covered by each party. There are no other changes to the agreement.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Maintaining two SROs in the schools allows for increased safety for Camas children and school staff. Additionally, it maintains positive working relationships with school attendees, parents, and school personnel. The SROs are most familiar with the school attendees, staff, and the campuses are best suited to address calls for services and emergencies that arise within or near the schools.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** The City will have increased unbudgeted expense to the General Fund of approximately \$50-60,000. This agreement also has to be considered by the Camas School Board for adoption.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** See above in challenges section.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Council approve addendum as attached.