

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY26 Inmate Capacity Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Prison

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

Background: Historically, the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia Department of Corrections have annually agreed to the minimum number of State inmates assigned to the Muscogee County Prison and further utilized the inmates as supplemental laborers within the Muscogee County Government operations.

Analysis: The annual specification of the minimum number of State inmates assigned to the Muscogee County Prison is beneficial to both budgetary efforts of the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Columbus Consolidated Government in achieving their respective goals.

Financial Considerations: Within the agreement, the Georgia Department of Corrections agrees to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for the duration of the agreement to the Columbus Consolidated Government. These funds are used to offset the annual operating budget of the Muscogee County Prison.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Prison is in compliance with all Standard Operating Procedures and Certifications necessary to execute this Inmate Capacity Agreement.

Recommended/Actions: Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAXIMUM OF FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT (528) STATE INMATES TO BE HOUSED AT THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON.

WHEREAS, Department desires to contract with County for appropriate care and custody of certain offenders for which Department is responsible, (“State Offenders”); and,

WHEREAS, County desires to provide appropriate care and custody of State Offenders at a correctional institution operated by County (“Services”),

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government to maintain a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive care and custody agreement for housing up to five hundred and twenty eight State inmates at the Muscogee County Prison in a safe, secure and compliant environment.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting_____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor