

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Jill A. Hueser, Chief Judge

SUBJECT

Resolution 2024-118 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Alternative Sentencing Department of Larimer County, Colorado, for use of Alternative Sentencing in Municipal Court.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to authorize an intergovernmental agreement (the “IGA”) with the Alternative Sentencing Department of Larimer County so that prosecutors have the option to use these programs in plea agreements and municipal judges have the option of sentencing defendants to work release, mid-week, and weekender programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The work release, mid-week, and weekender programs of Larimer County’s Alternative Sentencing Department provide a sentencing tool for judges with the municipal court. In some cases, incarceration is the appropriate and consistent sentence given the facts of the case and criminal history of a defendant. However, if a defendant is gainfully employed or wishes to seek employment or is enrolled in an educational program, alternative sentencing is a tool that allows the sentence to be carried out in a less restrictive manner that will not impact those positive factors.

Chief Judge Jill Hueser wishes to provide various sentencing options so that prosecutors and judges in the municipal court can craft a plea agreement or sentence that takes into considerations all factors relevant to an individual case and this agreement allows the prosecutors and municipal judges to utilize additional plea agreements and sentencing options.

The City has entered into similar agreements in past years and this option has been a valuable tool.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution