

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date February 27, 2025

Originating Department Police Department

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Title Resolution 25-2007/Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of

Sunnyside for Jail Services

Legislative History

First Presentation February 27, 2025

Attachments:

- Resolution 25-2007/Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for Jail Services
- 2. Attachment 1 The Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Lake Forest Park for Jail Services

Executive Summary

On December 31st, 2022, the City of Yakima decided to terminate the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that provided long-term housing for inmates from Lake Forest Park Municipal Court. As a result, the city had to rely on the jail facilities in King County and Snohomish County for extended detention services, which led to a rise in costs. Fortunately, in 2023, the City of Sunnyside stepped forward and offered its long-term jail services to Lake Forest Park. After careful consideration, the City's staff found this offer to be favorable, and an ILA was entered into with Sunnyside. The City of Sunnyside recently decided to standardize its jail services contracts and has asked to execute a new Interlocal Agreement. The expected annual rate increase is the only substantive change from the 2023 Interlocal Agreement. To continue utilizing Sunnyside's services, a new Interlocal Agreement must be entered between the two municipalities.

Background

Key terms in the ILA with Sunnyside include the following:

\$68.99 per day, per inmate, including transportation to Sunnyside.

- Termination for no cause by either party on 90 days' notice.
- Termination by the City if the City Council does not approve funds for the ILA.
- Termination by Sunnyside on 7 days' notice if the city fails to cure a breach after notice of same, there is no reciprocal ability for the city to terminate for breach.
- Sunnyside may give the city 36 hours' notice to remove an inmate at the City's expense.
- Sunnyside may refuse to accept an inmate if Sunnyside does not have capacity or the inmate's illness, or injury could adversely affect jail operations.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The city must have jail services to book in-custodies. The 2025 rates are delineated below.

King County Rates:

- Booking Fee is \$293.28
- Daily Maintenance Fee is \$293.28

Snohomish County Rates:

- Booking Fee is \$147.19
- Daily Maintenance Fee is \$204.85

Lynnwood Jail

- Booking Fee is \$ 100.00
- Daily Maintenance Fee is \$198.00

City of Sunnyside Rates:

- Booking Fee is \$0
- Daily Maintenance Fee is \$68.99 (the 2023 rate was \$60.00)

Since October 2022, jail costs have been substantially higher. The average monthly bill with Snohomish County (less expensive than King County) is \$20,000. In some months (in 2024), those costs rose to \$40,000.

Using Sunnyside Jail, a long-term housing option southwest of Yakima, approximately 186 miles from Lake Forest Park, will significantly reduce those expenditures. Sunnyside corrections jail staff transports prisoners from King County and Snohomish County jails at no additional cost.

Alternatives

Options	Results
Not approving the ILA.	Pay higher costs to use only King County, Snohomish County, and Lynnwood Jails.
Approving the ILA	The city will also use Sunnyside jail services.

Staff Recommendation

Approval of Resolution 25-2007