



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6226  
February 21, 2023  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6226: Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services with King County.	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Authorize the City Manager to sign the updated Interlocal Agreement for King County Jail Services.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Police
<b>STAFF:</b>	Ed Holmes, Chief of Police Scott Schroeder, Personnel and Training Sergeant
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Updated Interlocal Agreement and rate sheet for Jail Services between the City of Mercer Island and King County 2. 2023 Detention Rates
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ 4,000
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Mercer Island has an Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) with King County for jail services. The current Agreement expired on December 31, 2022, and needs to be renewed. The new Agreement (see Exhibit 1) is a two-year contract with no substantive changes other than inflationary adjustments to rates. These adjustments were anticipated and will be absorbed within the 2023-2024 adopted budget.

**BACKGROUND**

Under State law, the City of Mercer Island is responsible for paying all costs associated with housing of subjects for violations of misdemeanor crimes occurring within the City. The City maintains contracts with the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) and the Issaquah City Jail for misdemeanor bookings and jail sentences. For individuals with medical or psychological conditions that preclude them from being accepted at SCORE or Issaquah, the City utilizes the King County Jail (KCJ) and pays a booking fee and daily rate. The City also uses KCJ for all felony bookings, and the State is responsible for the costs associated with housing individuals for felony crimes.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The King County Jail is the only local facility that can house individuals for felony crimes. This agreement is necessary to maintain services. The overall rate increase for standard housing has increased 11%, with the rate for specialized medical housing increasing by 12.5% for 2023. Furthermore, a flat surcharge of \$6.26 is included as a result of debt service associated with the King County Courthouse Seismic Stabilization Project and the Integrated Security Project (see Exhibit 2).

The budgeted amount has remained unchanged over the past few biennium's due partly to the options of booking subjects into other facilities and the City's sporadic need to book into the King County Jail. As such, no increase to the budget line is necessary.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the City Manager to sign the updated Interagency Agreement for Inmate Housing between the City of Mercer Island and King County, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to this agenda bill.