



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6812
November 18, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6812: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services with South Correctional Entity (SCORE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the interlocal agreement with SCORE.	

DEPARTMENT:	Police
STAFF:	Michelle Bennett, Interim Police Chief Jeff Magnan, Police Services Commander
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing with South County Correctional Entity (SCORE) 2. Interlocal Agreement with SCORE
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 55,620
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 55,620
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) jail for jail services (see Exhibit 1).

- Under State law, the City of Mercer Island is responsible for paying all jail costs associated with housing individuals for violations of misdemeanor level crimes occurring within the City.
- The City maintains contracts with the Issaquah City Jail, SCORE, and King County Jail. The Issaquah City Jail and SCORE are used for misdemeanor bookings, while the King County Jail is used primarily for felony bookings.
- The City utilizes the Issaquah City Jail as the primary jail service for cost efficiency and accessibility.
- Since 2011, the City has also maintained an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with SCORE (see Exhibit 2), which provides back-up jail services when the Issaquah Jail is at capacity and serves individuals being booked on misdemeanor charges with medical or psychological conditions.
- From 2023-2024, the City's annual cost for use of SCORE facilities has been approximately \$54,000 per year and usage patterns are not expected to change.
- Effective January 1, 2026, SCORE's Administrative Board adopted increases in their daily housing rates, daily rate surcharges and booking fees. The rate adjustment requires an amendment to the ILA.
- The cost of the rate adjustment in 2026 will be absorbed in the Police Department's budget.

BACKGROUND

Under State law, the City of Mercer Island is responsible for paying all jail costs associated with housing individuals for violations of misdemeanor level crimes occurring within the City. The state pays for housing individuals for felony level crimes. The City maintains contracts with the Issaquah City Jail, SCORE, and King County Jail. The Issaquah City Jail and SCORE are used for misdemeanor bookings, while the King County Jail is used primarily for felony bookings.

The City utilizes the Issaquah City Jail as the primary jail service for cost efficiency and accessibility. Since 2011, the City has also maintained an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with SCORE (see Exhibit 2), which provides back-up jail services when the Issaquah jail is at capacity and serves individuals being booked on misdemeanor charges with medical or psychological conditions.

From 2022-2024, the City's cost for use of SCORE facilities has been about \$50,000 per year and usage patterns are not expected to change.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Effective January 1, 2026, SCORE's Administrative Board adopted increases in their daily housing rates, daily rate surcharges, and booking fees outlined in Table 1. SCORE also created a Virtual Court Admin Fee to recover costs associated of court hearing integration (see Exhibit 1).

Table 1 – SCORE Rates		
Daily Housing Rates	2025 Rate Structure	2026 Rate Structure
General Population	\$148.28	\$155.69
Daily Rate Surcharges		
Mental Health – Residential Beds	\$170.32	\$244.07
Medical Acute Beds	\$232.45	\$244.07
Booking Fee	\$80.00	\$75.00
Virtual Court Admin Fee	N/A	\$75.00

The budgeted amount for SCORE services in 2026 is \$55,620. This budget anticipated an increase in SCORE rates and no additional budget resources are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the interlocal agreement with SCORE for jail services as substantially shown in Exhibit 1 to AB 6812.