



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB24-125
November 25, 2024
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB24-125: Interlocal Agreement Renewal with Issaquah Jail	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Motion Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Renewal with the City of Issaquah for the Use of Issaquah Jail Facilities for Housing Misdemeanor Inmates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director	Brian Lynch	11/8/2024
	Finance	Drew Bouta	11/14/2024
	Legal	David Linehan	11/14/2024
	City Administrator	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Police		
STAFF:	Chief Brian Lynch/Captain Gary Horejsi		
COMMITTEE:	Public Safety	COMMITTEE DATE: November 18, 2024	
EXHIBITS:	1. Proposed ILA renewal document with Issaquah Jail		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ TBD
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ \$535,000 (25-26 Biennium)
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ \$160,000

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Snoqualmie Police Department use the Issaquah Jail as their primary booking location for all misdemeanor arrests. The Issaquah Jail is one of four current City inmate housing contracts (the others being SCORE Jail in SeaTac, King County Jail, as well as long term male inmate housing with the City of Sunnyside).

On October 30, 2024, the Snoqualmie Police Department received notice that the Issaquah Jail rates would be increasing for the first time since 2021, and that a new ILA would need to be signed to continue the partnership. The new proposed ILA reflects the following new fee schedule effective January 1, 2025:

	2024	2025	Increase %
Guaranteed Bed Space (to which Snoqualmie purchases five beds) =	\$115.50	\$150.00	29%
Non-Guaranteed Bed Space =	\$147.00	\$200.00	36%

Booking Fee = \$0.00 \$20.00

Below is a breakdown of the City’s current contracts for jail services as a comparison.

Jail Provider	Booking Fee	Daily Fee	Mental Health
City of Issaquah	No Fee	\$115.50/\$147.00	No
King County	\$277.99	\$259.14	Yes
SCORE	\$65.00	\$204.97	Yes

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

N/A

BACKGROUND

While the Issaquah Jail has not raised their rates in a few years, every other jail that we contract with has raised their rates approximately 5%-7% each year. The police department is currently in discussions with the Kirkland Jail and Yakima County Jail to seek cheaper alternatives for housing inmates.

BUDGET IMPACTS

The City of Snoqualmie budgeted \$260,000 and \$275,000 in 2025 and 2026 respectively, for a total of \$535,000 over the biennium, to utilize the Issaquah Jail as the primary booking location for all misdemeanor arrests. The 2025 and 2026 budget assumed a 22% increase in the current rates for the biennium over the previous biennial budget. However, actual expenditures have been higher, with the 2025 and 2026 budget showing a 10% increase over the costs realized during 2023 and 2024. Assuming that most Issaquah Jail expenses are to pay for guaranteed bed space, applying a 30% increase would cost the city approximately \$96,000 more over the biennium, or roughly \$48,000 annually. At the higher end of the potential range, a 40% increase would cost the city approximately \$144,000 more over the biennium or roughly \$72,000 annually. As a result of this renewal ILA, the Administration will need to return to Council at a future date with a budget amendment to appropriate for the higher than anticipated rates. Alternatively, the City may want to seek out cheaper options for housing inmates, as suggested in the background section above (i.e., Kirkland, Yakima County, etc.), or look to reduce potentially the City’s guaranteed bed space.

NEXT STEPS

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