



AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

TO: Pierce County Council
SPONSOR: Councilmember Young
COU STAFF: William Bridges, x7971
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HEARING DATE: November 8, 2021
ITEM: Proposal No. 2021-101, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 9.47 of the Pierce County Code, "Jail Incarceration Rates," to Establish Rates for Incarceration and Booking of Inmates into the Pierce County Jail; and Setting an Effective Date.

BRIEF SUMMARY:

- Increases various jail incarceration rates for 2022 and 2023:

	2021	2022	2023
Booking	\$59.66	\$63.49	\$66.08
Daily Rate	\$90.57	\$94.25	\$98.08
Escort Fee, per trip	\$139.24	\$142.72	\$146.29
Mental Health Fee, per day	\$235.30	\$259.79	\$272.63
Special Identification Process	\$194.27	\$63.49	\$66.08

BACKGROUND:

The Pierce County Corrections Bureau provides misdemeanor jail-services for other local governments, charging rates first codified in 2016 that must be reviewed each biennium. Rates are set using formulas to recoup the costs of incarceration.

EXECUTIVE/DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

- Finance Department recommends approval.

PACKET DOCUMENTS:

- Exhibit A – Revised Chapter 9.47 PCC.

PUBLIC PROCESS TIMELINE:

- November 8, 2021 – Public hearing in Public Safety Committee
- November 16, 2021 – Public hearing and final consideration at Council

FISCAL IMPACT:

- FY 2022-2023: \$79,790 in Intergovernmental Revenue

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Derek Young
2 Requested by: County Executive/Finance Dept.

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17 **Pierce County Code, "Jail Incarceration Rates," to Establish**
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19 **Pierce County Jail; and Setting an Effective Date.**

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21 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Corrections Bureau provides jail services to other
22 local governments; and

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24 **Whereas**, incarceration rates in the Pierce County Jail were first codified in 2016
25 and reviewed annually; and

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27 **Whereas**, jail rates should be set at levels that will recoup the costs of
28 incarceration; and

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30 **Whereas**, jail rates are to be reviewed annually; **Now Therefore**,

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32 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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34 Section 1. Chapter 9.47 of the Pierce County Code, "Jail Incarceration Rates," is
35 hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated
36 herein by reference.



Chapter 9.47

JAIL INCARCERATION RATES

9.47.010 Applicability.

This Chapter shall apply to contracts for jail services entered into or renegotiated by Pierce County on or after January 1, 2022-20.

9.47.020 Rates Established.

A. The following are rates to be charged agencies sending inmates to the Pierce County Jail:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Booking	\$58.23	\$59.66	\$63.49	\$66.08
Daily Rate	\$88.45	\$90.57	\$94.25	\$98.08

B. Other rates to be charged:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Escort Fee, per trip	\$135.84	\$139.24	\$142.72	\$146.29
Mental Health Fee, per day	\$229.56	\$235.30	\$259.79	\$272.63
Special Identification Process.....	\$189.53	\$194.27	\$63.49	\$66.08
Major Medical Costs	Contract Agency Paid			

C. The items listed in A. and B. above are exclusive of any other agreed-upon charges and do not include any costs paid directly by inmates.

D. Rates do not apply to those otherwise set by State or Federal law or regulations.

E. Rates may be adjusted to reflect other contributions that agencies provide for major medical costs or to cover other inmate costs.

9.47.030 Contracting.

A. The Corrections Bureau may contract its jail services with outside agencies for multiyear terms. The contracts must establish rates that cover the costs of incarceration and may establish other criteria including, but not limited to, the minimum and maximum number of inmates to be contracted for, types of prisoners that will be taken, and any other requirements that the Corrections Bureau deems necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the jail.

B. Emergencies. The Corrections Bureau may contract with outside agencies to provide jail services during emergencies experienced by the contracting outside agency. The contracts must establish rates and other criteria necessary to address the emergency. The duration of such emergency contract shall have a reasonable relationship to the needs of the parties and the duration of the emergency.



1 **9.47.040 Biennial Review.**

2 The rates established in this Chapter shall be reviewed each biennium by the Council in
3 conjunction with the adoption of the biennial County budget, and at any other time that the
4 Council deems appropriate.
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