

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

DATE: MAY 20, 2025

- TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
- FROM: DAVID CHRISTIAN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a new five-year agreement for law enforcement services with the Orange County Sheriff's Department beginning with fiscal year 2025-26.

BACKGROUND

On July 17, 2012 the City entered into an agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) for the provision of law enforcement services through June 30, 2018 and OCSD began providing police services on January 5, 2013. On May 15, 2018 the City entered into a new five-year agreement with OCSD for the provision of law enforcement services through June 30, 2023. On May 16, 2023 the City Council entered into another five-year agreement with OCSD for the provision of law enforcement services through June 30, 2024. On May 16, 2023 the City Council entered into another 30, 2028. On May 7, 2024 the City Council approved the first amendment to the current agreement establishing levels of service and costs for FY 24-25.

In November of 2024, the City was notified that OCSD was making updates to its law enforcement contracts beginning July 1, 2025, to conform with the County's current contract template. Although FY 25-26 would be year three of our current five-year agreement, OCSD is requesting that we execute a new five-year agreement from FY 25-26 through FY 29-30. After approval by the Council, this amendment will go before the Orange County Board of Supervisors for approval in late June.

DISCUSSION

The changes to the contract are not intended to make substantive revisions but designed to reorganize the current contract language. These updates should simplify amendments, eliminate duplicate references, and make the document easier to reference. All changes to the contract language are intended to make the agreement more readable and codify the OCSD's current practice.

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Overview of the changes:

- The contract is divided into General Terms and Conditions, Attachment A Scope of Work, Attachment B Payment Provisions, Attachment C Level of Services, and the attachments also include the County's Billing Policy.
- The agreement provides for office space at City Hall for the OCSD use. This is to codify the current practice of the OCSD providing staff to be available at City Hall (See Exhibit A, Section H City Office Space).
- An additional attachment (Attachment H) will be used to account for any special services requested by a City.

In addition to the above, the new agreement incorporates all the provisions of the previous agreement and any amendments. There are no changes recommended by OCSD or the City to the level of service or staffing.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost estimate for FY 25-26 is \$15,601,529 which represents an increase of \$595,308 or 3.97% over the final adjusted cost for FY 24-25. While there are no increases to the level of service going forward, the main reason for a majority of the increase is due to the salary and benefit changes that were approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2023.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the new agreement as proposed and direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for law enforcement services.

ATTACHMENTS

1. New Five-Year Agreement for Law Enforcement Services With OCSD

2. FY 25-26 Cost Estimates