



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a Contract with Washtenaw County for Weapons Screening Services in the Ann Arbor Justice Center for the 15th District Court (\$160,000.00)

The Court has determined that it is in the best interests of the administration of justice to provide for the safety of the public, parties to litigation, judges, the magistrate and Court staff by performing weapons screening at the Ann Arbor Justice Center public entrance by qualified and experienced court security officers.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office maintains a staff of trained and experienced Court Security Officers who provide weapons screening services to courts in Washtenaw County.

Consequently the Court requests Council approval for a contract with Washtenaw County to provide Sheriff's Office Court Security Officers to the Court to perform weapons screening and opening & closing corridor and stairwell checks at the Ann Arbor Justice Center during Court business hours at a cost of \$25.25 per hour per Court Security Officer.

The Sheriff's Office and the Court estimate that three Court Security Officers will be assigned per day to the Court on staggered schedules to accommodate the ebb and flow of Court business during a typical business day. Because the proposed contract is a "per-hour" contract, the total daily or weekly number of hours worked may be fine-tuned to match visitor volume and reduced Court business hours.

The estimated maximum annual cost is \$160,000, reduced by \$27,000 from \$187,000 in prior FYs. Funds for this contract have been included in the Court's budgets.

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Whereas, It is in the best interests of the administration of justice to provide for the safety of the public, parties to litigation, judges, the magistrate and Court staff by establishing weapons screening at the Ann Arbor Justice Center public entrance by qualified and experienced court security officers;

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office maintains a staff of trained and experienced Court Security Officers who provide weapons screening services to courts in Washtenaw County; and

Whereas, Funding for this purpose is included in the Court's FY13 & FY14 budgets;

RESOLVED, City Council approve a contract with Washtenaw County to provide weapons screening services by the Washtenaw Sheriff's Office to the Court in the Ann Arbor Justice Center during Court business hours;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Court and the City following approval as to form by the City Attorney and as to

substance by the City Administrator; and;

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the City Administrator to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this Resolution.