

Memorandum



Date June 13, 2008

To Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair, and
Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject FY 08-09 Lew Sterrett Jail Contract

This is to advise you of the status of the FY08-09 Lew Sterrett Jail Contract, which Council will consider for approval as part of the FY08-09 budget adoption process, and which provides jail services for the City through Dallas County.

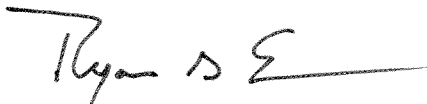
Approved in 1982, this agreement provides a formula for calculating annual costs to the City, and the formula was further defined in 1985 through Amendment #3. The costs to the City include sharing of annual administrative costs of the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, as well as a cost per prisoner for intake, housing (if applicable), and release using data from the previous 24 months for the average number of City of Dallas Class C prisoners.

The contract requires that the County provide the upcoming fiscal year cost to the City by May 15th each year. In recent years, the cost increase has averaged no more that 3-5% per year. However, for FY 08-09, the County has provided a cost of \$7,787,059, an increase of 12%.

The County attributes this increase in large part to higher salary costs, a component of the formula in the contract. As you know, over the last few years, the County has hired additional detention center officers for jail staffing.

The City Manager has requested the City Auditor conduct an audit of the jail services contract. A report is scheduled to be provided to the City in January 2009.

Let me know if you have any questions.



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