

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 13, 2026

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **Dallas County Law Sterrett Criminal Justice Center Update**

The City and Dallas County are actively working together on the Law Sterrett Jail Contract, with the FY2026 contract cost projected at \$8.7M. The increase from FY2025 is driven primarily by rising County staffing and overtime expenses a shared challenge both parties are working to better understand and manage.

While City prisoner intake has declined overall in recent years, the facility's salary and operational costs have grown. Both the City and County recognize the importance of aligning costs with outcomes. The agreement, originally established in 1978 and updated multiple times most recently in 2022 introduced performance measures, reporting requirements, and scheduled coordination meetings. Building on that foundation, both parties are now engaged in constructive dialogue to address outstanding items, including the development of agreed-upon performance metrics, completion of cost "true-up" data, and the establishment of consistent meeting cadences.

The City and County have already met three times and have another meeting scheduled in the coming weeks. These ongoing conversations reflect a shared commitment to resolving operational issues, refining performance metrics, improving cost transparency, and streamlining Class C arraignment scheduling.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 670-5299 or dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dominique Artis".

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Chief of Public Safety

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