RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement for Booking and Related Services between Travis County and the City of Austin in the amount of $5,520,923 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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The Travis County Sherriff's Office operates the Central Booking Facility at the Travis County Criminal Justice Center located at 500 West 10th Street. Since 1988, the City of Austin and Travis County have shared the costs of operating the Central Booking Facility via an Interlocal Agreement. The current Interlocal Agreement was initially approved by Council on August 10, 2006. Under this Agreement, the County and the City meet annually to negotiate the amount of compensation to be paid by the City to Travis County during the following renewal term. This will be the third renewal.

Under Amendment No. 3 of the Agreement, the City will pay the County a total of $5,520,923 for the Renewal Term; an increase of $468,595 over the current Interlocal Agreement. The cost model for the City's payments to the County during the term of this contract is based upon calculations of projected city and county costs associated with central booking operations.

Proposed Amendment No.3 of the Interlocal Agreement would be effective on October 1, 2009, for a term of one year from its effective date. It provides for booking city prisoners, magistration of prisoners by City of Austin Municipal Court judges, and provision of identification services by the Austin Police Department. The City provides magistration services at the Central Booking Facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The County maintains intake control officer positions to supervise prisoners while their property is being searched and inventoried.