

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

SUBJECT: Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Superior Court of Maricopa County for jury services	STAFF PRESENTER: Crystal McCreery, Court Administrator
	CASE NUMBER: None
	OTHER PRESENTER: None

PROPOSED ACTION:

Approve an amendment to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Superior Court of Maricopa County and the city of Goodyear for jury services and authorize the presiding judge of the Goodyear Municipal Court to execute such amendment for an additional two-year term effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Pursuant to Resolution 14-1658, the city of Goodyear entered into an IGA with the Superior Court of Maricopa County for certain jury services. The term of the agreement was for two years from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016, and allows for renewals for four additional two-year terms with the agreement expiring no later than June 30, 2024. Prior to its expiration, the IGA was amended to extend the term for another two-year period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The proposed amendment will extend the term for another two-year period through June 30, 2020.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Superior Court of Maricopa County provides jury services to all county courts and most municipal courts within Maricopa County. Benefits of this partnership are attributed to the centralized approach the Superior Court takes, which includes their ability to track summons history for individuals, meaning jurors are not being summoned too often, which could result in undue hardship on citizens. By allowing the Superior Court to fulfil the summoning process, the Goodyear Court is able to conduct jury trials without requiring additional staffing resources to manage such a project. When a court such as Goodyear sets a date for a jury trial, staff immediately notifies the Jury Commissioner in Superior Court, so that preparation for juror summons can begin. Immediately upon receiving the notification, the Superior Court generates a list of individuals based off registered voter records, and who have not recently served as jurors and live within this court's jurisdiction. The Superior Court then prepares and mails jury notification summonses on behalf of the Goodyear Municipal Court. When potential jurors require additional assistance or have questions related to their summons the Superior Court handles all such inquiries, further allowing the Goodyear Court to continue jury trial preparation without the need of additional staff resources. Upon conclusion of jury trials, the Superior Court

handles further administrative functions related to jury appearances, such as calculating jury pay and mileage allowances, and mails payment to each respective juror, which also reduces the workload on the Goodyear Court and Goodyear finance department for such a task.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

While the costs associated with a jury trial are unpredictable as they are dependent upon an unknown variable (whether or not jury trial-eligible cases will move to trial), the Court does continuously monitor the budget to look for trends and prepare for possible changes in legislation that may affect this area of the budget. The Court currently budgets \$4,000 per year for this IGA, and historical data indicates this is sufficient for the Court's current needs. There is no proposed increase to the rate charged per summons in the new contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the amendment to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement between the city of Goodyear Municipal Court and Superior Court of Maricopa County for jury services for an additional two-year term effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) IGA Amendment