



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 28, 2013

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: **Inmate Detention Billing Rates**

The County charges jurisdictions for booking inmates charged with a crime that violates the code of any jurisdiction or municipality. The estimated annual booking and housing costs for inmates violating municipal codes by jurisdictions is as follows for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 - \$241.87 for booking, \$90.44 per day for housing.

In addition, due to rising average daily census, this booking and housing rate will decrease for FY 2013/14. A key issue relates to the increase in estimated number of inmate days at eight percent for next year. While our average daily detention population has been down in previous years, the number of inmates now being held is increasing and is now estimate to be approximately 1,934 per day, as compared to 1,791 a year ago. This trend causes concern due to limited housing capacity at the existing detention facility. Adding additional capacity is a very expensive and time consuming process.

On a related matter, I have asked the Civil Division of the County Attorney to begin those processes necessary to collect past-due jail inmate housing costs unpaid by the City of South Tucson.

CHH/dph

c: The Honorable Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Sheriff
The Honorable Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney
Christopher Straub, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney