

Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE:	MAY 19, 2020
TO:	CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SUBMITTED BY:	KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER
PREPARED BY:	ROBERT DUNN, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT:	AGREEMENT WITH TURBO DATA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR DUI RESTITUTION PROCESSING

SUMMARY

Agreement between Fullerton Police Department and Turbo Data Systems, Inc. (Turbo Data) for processing DUI restitution citations.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve agreement for services with Turbo Data Systems, Inc. and authorize appropriations of revenues and expenditures to Police Department General Fund.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs associated with Turbo Data for DUI restitution processing are anticipated to be fully offset through collection of citation revenue. Thus, there should be no net impact to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 budget. However, should restitution revenue be insufficient to cover the cost of expanded services, future budget adjustments may be requested. Revenue received from DUI restitution fluctuates annually depending on the number of citations.

Turbo Data charges \$10 per DUI restitution citation for processing - \$1.10 for first notice and \$1.10 for second (final notice)- resulting in a maximum cost per citation of \$12.20. A

30% cost recovery fee is added to the amount due when citations move to Delinquent Collections.

DISCUSSION

Currently, the City incurs costs hard costs of \$10 per citation plus the hourly wages of accounts receivable employees to bill DUI restitutions. Additionally, the City's collection company, FEDChex Recovery, takes a 30% fee from the amount submitted to collections. Therefore, for each DUI restitution citation currently submitted to collections, the City automatically loses 30% revenue. Whereas, Turbo Data will add the 30% to the amount due, keeping the City whole on revenue collected. The City would also benefit from Turbo Data's collection services utilizing the Franchise Tax Board Interagency Offset Program to recover more revenue by garnishing tax returns and lottery winnings. The Police Department has existing agreements in place with Turbo Data to process citations and payments which have been successful.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 Turbo Data Systems, Inc. Agreement
- Attachment 2 Turbo Data Systems, Inc. DUI Restitution Proposal
- Attachment 3 Turbo Data Systems, Inc. Scope of Services