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**FROM:** Ken Clark, City Controller

**CC:** Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor of Indianapolis  
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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal support to Excluded Cities/Towns for Sheriff's reduction in duties

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As noted in Mayor Collier's 12/10/2021 memo, the Marion County Sheriff has elected to discontinue the following three services to Marion County law enforcement agencies:

- Transporting arrestees from the point of arrest to the Marion County Adult Detention Center or the Eskenazi Health detention unit for all Marion County law enforcement agencies
- Staffing the Eskenazi Health detention unit for supervision of arrestees
- Covering the cost of arrestee's medical needs at Eskenazi Health

The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has voiced a desire to discontinue these duties on many occasions over the years. Recently, despite the Hogsett administration's requests that the MCSO continue these duties, the independently elected Sheriff has chosen to discontinue these duties beginning January 1, 2022. The Sheriff's action has left not only the excluded cities and towns to resolve these issues, but it has also left the state's largest law enforcement agency – the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) – with a significant operational challenge going into 2022.

Mayor Hogsett is squarely focused on addressing violent crime in Marion County, and I know we have a shared commitment to ensuring this decision by the MCSO does not affect our public safety efforts. Therefore, we are offering the following to the excluded cities and towns to mitigate the impact of these changes:

1. As required by IC 36-2-13-18, the County will continue to cover the medical costs of any person subject to lawful detention. This \$2 million annual cost is already budgeted in the MCSO budget for 2022 and has been reserved for this specific purpose. No excluded city or town will be responsible for these costs nor will the IMPD. Mayor Hogsett's administration will work with the Marion County



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Health & Hospital Corporation to ensure these costs get billed appropriately in 2022.

2. In order to mitigate the cost to the excluded cities and IMPD of the arrestee transportation and staffing the detention unit at Eskenazi Health, Mayor Hogsett's administration will make funds from the County's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) available for overtime of police officers in the excluded cities and towns as well as IMPD for calendar year 2022. This will enable the excluded cities and IMPD to avoid any reduction of law enforcement on the street. The City of Indianapolis' Office of Finance & Management will provide ARPA FRF reimbursement instructions to each excluded city and town's financial staff and work collaboratively to limit the impact of these costs.
3. As agreed to with Marion County Sheriff, the current fleet of jail transport vehicles will be provided to IMPD as they await the delivery of a new fleet of transport vehicles. Once IMPD's transport vehicles arrive, the current fleet of jail transport vehicles will be provided to the excluded cities and towns in order to help reduce the costs and procurement delays they may encounter to purchase these vehicles.

Mayor Hogsett's administration will continue to request that Marion County Sheriff return to staffing the Eskenazi Health detention unit and encourages the excluded cities and towns to do the same. In the meantime, we will work collaboratively with the excluded cities and towns to ensure this change in law enforcement operations has a limited impact on public safety in Marion County.



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