



Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

To amend Resolution No. 178-22 regarding compensation for court appointed language interpreter services

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: additional \$20 an hour

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 178-22 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COURT APPOINTED LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICES

WHEREAS, an individual charged with a crime is guaranteed the ability to understand the nature of the proceedings against him pursuant to Article 1 Section 6 of the New York State Constitution,, and

WHEREAS, many people arrested within Sullivan County are not sufficiently fluent in the English language to understand the nature of the criminal proceedings against them and who cannot afford to pay for language interpreter services, and

WHEREAS, under such circumstances, town and village courts are required to provide language interpreter services, with the cost under these circumstances being a charge upon the county within which the court is located, pursuant to Sections 386 and 387 of the Judiciary Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 178-22 the rate was amended to increase the per hour fee to no more than forty dollars per hour, and as necessary or required by individual circumstances the County Manager shall be authorized to permit payment in excess of forty dollars an hour or a daily rate and/or travel time for court appointed language interpreter services effective April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, there is a need due to increased costs for travel and time for such language interpreter services to increase the per hour fee to no more than fifty dollars per hour for the first hour and \$12.50 for every fifteen minutes after the first hour; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 178-22 is hereby amended to increase the per hour fee to no more than fifty dollars per hour for the first hour and \$12.50 for every fifteen minutes after the first hour, and as necessary or required by individual circumstances the County Manager shall continue to authorize payment in excess of fifty dollars per hour for the first hour and \$12.50 for every fifteen minutes after the first hour or a daily rate and/or travel time for court appointed language interpreter services effective immediately and shall, in such cases set forth on the payment voucher for such sums the reason for the greater payment.

