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Honorable Members of the City Council Through the Office of the Mayor City Hall-Roosevelt Square Mount Vernon, NY 10550

> Subject: Request to Enter into Agreement to receive Reimbursement of Prisoner Transportation from Westchester County Department of Correction

Dear Council Members,

This letter comes to request that legislation be enacted enabling the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for the reimbursement of prisoner transportation services for the years 2025 and 2026. Under the terms of this proposed agreement, the payment structure for prisoner transportation is as follows:

## For 2025:

- \$245.00 per round trip with two police officers
- \$367.00 per round trip with three police officers

## For 2026:

- \$252.00 per round trip with two police officers
- \$378.00 per round trip with three police officers

These payments would be deposited into Budget Line A2229.5 (County Prisoner Transport).

The Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) currently provides round-trip prisoner transportation between the Police Department and the Westchester County Department of Correction for prisoners remanded by court order to the Westchester County Jail, who are required to appear before the local Court. This service utilizes MVPD's own personnel and vehicles.

CC: Mayor Corporation Counsel Comptroller In addition, the Police Department should receive reimbursement for vehicle usage, which is estimated at **16 miles each way** between the City of Mount Vernon and the Westchester County Jail, at a rate of **seventy cents** (**\$0.70**) **per mile**.

This agreement shall commence retroactively on January 1, 2025 and shall expire on December 31, 2026.

We respectfully request that legislation be passed to authorize the Mayor to enter into this agreement, ensuring the reimbursement of these transportation costs for 2025 and 2026.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Public Safety