

CHISAGO COUNTY INMATE PAYMENT POLICY

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute §641.12, the Chisago County is authorized to collect payment from an offender who is convicted of a crime and confined to the jail or other facility at the direction of Chisago County Sheriff's Office or Jail Administrator, for the cost of room, board, clothing, medical, dental or other correctional services.

The Chisago County Board recognizes the cost of boarding and caring for offenders or prisoners is a cost that should be bore, to the extent possible, by the offender him/herself or insurance provider, and not fully by the citizens of Chisago County.

II. RATE

1. The base cost for basic room and board for an offender held in the Chisago County Jail or another facility pursuant to contract with the Chisago County Sheriff's Office or Jail Administration shall be set annually by the Chisago County Board.
2. The base cost for offender held in the Chisago County Jail for the calendar year 2008 shall be and is hereby set at \$20.00 per day.

III. POLICY GUIDELINES

1. The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Jail Administrator, or designee, is authorized to collect or recover via any reasonable means of collection, the costs incurred due to housing and caring for an offender convicted of an offense and ordered by the Court to be held in the Chisago County Jail, or other correctional facility.
2. The Chisago County Sheriff's Office is not prohibited from recouping costs incurred due to housing the offender while held awaiting trial, though collection of those costs is conditioned upon a disposition in favor of the prosecution.
3. Costs associated with the housing and care of an offender shall include the cost of room, board, clothing, medical, dental and other correctional services associated with or incurred as a result of housing the specific offender.
4. The cost can may be collected at any time the offender is under the sentence or after the sentence has been discharged.
5. If an offender has been ordered by a court to pay restitution, pursuant to a court order for the offense for which the offender is sentenced to the Chisago County Jail, then the offender shall be obligated to pay the restitution ordered before paying the costs under this policy. However, if the offender is making reasonable payments to satisfy the restitution obligation, the Chisago County Sheriff's Office may simultaneously collect costs under this section.

IV. MEANS OF COLLECTION

1. The Chisago County Sheriff's Office may collect from the offender, during the period of confinement, by deducting the costs from any money possessed by the offender or any money deposited with the Sheriff's Office on the offender's behalf.
2. The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, or agent thereof, is authorized to use any available means of debt collection in collecting costs under this policy.

V. WAIVER OF PAYMENT

1. The Sheriff or Jail Administrator of the Chisago County Jail may waive and not seek payment of the costs, if it is determined that:
 - (a) The offender does not now, nor will in the foreseeable future, have the ability to pay the costs;
 - (b) The payment of the costs would create undue hardship for the offender or the offender's immediate family;
 - (c) The prospects for payment are so poor as to make reasonable efforts at collection futile; or
 - (d) Other extenuating circumstances warrant waiver of continued billing or collection efforts.