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AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR JAIL
VISITATION

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 25.11(29) is amended to read as follows:

(29) JAIL INMATE PERSONAL SERVICES. (a) Dane County shall not provide services or enter into any contract for telephone, video conferencing or laundry services for jail inmates, that is intended to generate revenues in excess of the costs of providing these services to jail inmates.

(b) The procurement of telephone, video conferencing, laundry or commissary services for jail inmates shall be subject to competitive bidding under this section, designed to achieve the lowest possible cost for inmates consistent with public safety.

(c) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any fee charged by the county that is associated with security of the jail or electronic monitoring for release programs.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment prohibits the County from making a profit on video conferencing visitation and requires competitive bidding for provision of those services.]