



Legislation Text

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Background: The Department of Public Safety operates and maintains the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System through its Support Services Division. Agencies in Franklin County or contiguous counties are permitted access to the system if they provide or support public safety or related services in their areas. In order to gain access to the system, the potential user must complete and sign a User Application Form which is then reviewed by the Central Ohio Communications Advisory Committee (COCAC). If approval is granted by the COCAC, the user must execute a Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreement with the Department of Public Safety before service can begin.

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to execute from time to time Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements with various local public safety or related service providers requesting access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System to enhance coordination and communication among public safety or related service providers for the preservation of the public peace, property, and safety.

Fiscal Impact: The user will be charged a monthly fee for each radio unit, and each talk group assigned for their use.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to allow for the immediate execution of Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements for the preservation of public peace, property, and safety.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements with various local public safety or related service providers requesting access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System to enhance coordination and communication among public safety and related service providers for the preservation of the public peace, property, and safety; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Safety through its Support Services Division operates and maintains the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System, and

WHEREAS, local agencies providing public safety or related services from time to time request access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System to enhance coordination and communication among public safety or related service providers for the preservation of the public peace, property, and safety, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into Public Safety Radio Communications User Agreements with various local public safety or related service providers to allow access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, Support Services Division has determined that allowing access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System enhances coordination and communication among public safety or related service providers, and therefore, such Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements should be granted, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary to grant authority to the Director of Public Safety to enter into and execute Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements with various local public safety or related service providers to allow access to the

City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System to enhance coordination and communication among public safety or related service providers for the preservation of the public peace, property, and safety; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Safety, be and hereby is authorized to enter into Public Safety Radio Communications Users Agreements with various local public safety or related service providers, and in a form approved by the City Attorney, to allow access to the City of Columbus Public Safety Radio Communications System to enhance coordination and communication among public safety or related service providers for the preservation of the public peace, property, and safety.

Section 2. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.