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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them. Community Crime Patrol, Inc. provides teams of patrollers who monitor the residential neighborhoods of the Hilltop area, Franklinton, Merion Village/German Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area, South Clintonville, Weinland Park and Old North Columbus, along with many city parks. The duration of this agreement will be from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 or until funds are exhausted. Community Crime Patrol is funded by the City of Columbus and the East Main Street Special Improvement District.

Emergency Designation: This legislation is presented as an emergency measure to ensure that the community crime patrol program continues without interruption and that patrollers can be paid for their services. It is critical that funds are available as soon as possible after budget passage in order to avoid a lapse in services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Public Safety Director to enter into a contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for a total of \$375,000.00 for the patrol of selected neighborhoods in the City of Columbus. Funds for Community Crime Patrol were budgeted at \$375,000.00 in the 2024 General Fund Operating Budget. Community Crime Patrol was funded at \$375,000 in 2022 and 2023 for patrol activities. **This ordinance is contingent upon passage of the 2024 General Fund Operating Budget (Ord. 3011-2023).**

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc., a non-profit organization, to provide citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the control and prevention of crime in residential neighborhoods of the Hilltop area, Franklinton, Merion Village/German Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area, South Clintonville, Weinland Park and Old North Columbus, along with many city parks; to authorize the expenditure of \$375,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$375,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety's 2024 general fund operating budget allocates funding to contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the patrol of City of Columbus neighborhoods such as the Hilltop area, Franklinton, Merion Village/German Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area, South Clintonville, Weinland Park and Old North Columbus, along with many city parks; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. provides citizen patrollers in these areas who assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to ensure the continuation of the program without interruption and that patrollers are paid for their services of disrupting criminal activities, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with

Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the purpose of providing citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the identification and reporting of suspicious activity. The contract period will be from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 or until funds are exhausted.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$375,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000-100010 in object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the spreadsheet attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, 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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.