



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Guernsey County Sheriff's Department is in need of any surplus/vehicle equipment. Providing the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department with any equipment would greatly improve their agency's operations as well as increase officer safety, productivity, and communication. This equipment will give their officers access to basic law enforcement tools resulting in more effective patrols on the throughways connecting their community with ours.

Officer Greg Colarich, Technical Services Bureau within the Division of Police has identified thirty (30) Panasonic Toughbooks, thirty (30) Toughbook Mounts, and twenty (20) Blue & Red Light Bars that can be donated to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department. The Panasonic Toughbooks have reached their end-of-life and have since been replaced with new Fujitsu laptops. The Toughbooks currently fail to meet the minimum specifications for the Columbus Division of Police and would offer minimal value to any other City of Columbus agency given the current technology platform already in use throughout the city. The Division of Police and the Department of Technology have no plans to relocate the Toughbooks or their mounts for any future City of Columbus technology initiative. The light bars that are to be donated do not fit the current Columbus Division of Police cruiser platform since the police fleet has been upgraded. Fleet Management has determined that there is no need or plan for future deployment of these light bars.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency legislation is requested in order for the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department to improve their agency's operation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds for new cruisers and equipment has been accounted for in the Special Income Tax Fund.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Public Safety to donate to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department thirty Panasonic Toughbooks, thirty Toughbooks Mounts, and twenty Blue & Red Light Bars which have no further value to the Division of Police; to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 relating to the Sale of City Owned Personal Property; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department is in need of surplus/vehicle equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Division of Police has thirty Panasonic Toughbooks, thirty Toughbooks Mounts, and twenty Blue & Red Light Bars to donate to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department; and

**WHEREAS,** no City of Columbus Government Agency accepts Police out-of-service equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the City's best interest to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 relating to the Sale of City Owned Personal Property to make this donation; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to donate these items to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to donate

thirty Panasonic Toughbooks, thirty Toughbooks Mounts, and twenty Blue & Red Light Bars that have no further value to the Division of Police to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department.

**SECTION 2.** That this Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the Sale of City-Owned Personal Property on order to donate these specific police cruiser accessories to the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department.

**SECTION 3.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.