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Legislation Text

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This legislation appropriates to the Columbus Division of Police \$71,750.00 from the Public Safety Initiatives Fund created by Columbus City Council, and authorizes and directs the Columbus Division of Police to purchase holsters appropriate for use with the Smith & Wesson model M7P 40, .40 caliber service weapon. The Columbus Division of Police has transitioned to the aforementioned service weapon after the manufacturer discontinued production of the Smith & Wesson 4506, .45 caliber formerly used by the Division. The resulting differences in design and function necessitate different holsters be issued to Columbus Police Officers to continue to ensure the safe handling of the current service weapon. Because the Columbus Division of Police general fund budget is insufficient to accommodate this purchase, Columbus City Council deems it an appropriate use of the Public Safety Initiatives fund to do so.

Columbus City Councilmember and Public Safety Committee Chair Andrew J. Ginther and Councilmember Priscilla Tyson are the sponsors of this legislation. The amount of the appropriation was determined based on the estimated cost provided by the Columbus Division of Police, utilizing existing contracts and after securing vendor discounts.

The holsters will be purchased off a City UTC.

To authorize and direct the appropriation of \$71,750.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives Fund and to authorize and direct the Columbus Division of Police to expend said funds for the purchase of holsters, and to declare an emergency. (\$71,750.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Police recently transitioned to a .40 caliber service weapon, and subsequent to that action, determined that different holsters are required to continue to ensure the safe handling of the new service weapon; and

WHEREAS, because the Columbus Division of Police general fund budget is insufficient to accommodate this purchase, Columbus City Council deems it an appropriate use of the Public Safety Initiatives Fund to do so; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides the Columbus Division of Police up to \$71,750.00 from the Public Safety Initiatives fund created by City Council and authorizes and directs the Division to purchase appropriate holsters for police officers; and

WHEREAS, City Council set aside \$907,000 in its 2007 budget amendments for Public Safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to allocate these funds for the purchase of holsters to continue to ensure the safe handling of the current service weapon, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$71,750.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives Fund, 016, to the Division of Police 30-03, OL one, OL Three 2221, OCA Code 300316.

SECTION 2. To authorize and direct the Columbus Division of Police to expend said funds for the purchase of holsters necessary to accommodate the .40 caliber service weapon.

SECTION 3. That for 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.

