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Legislation Text

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Background: As part of a comprehensive approach to preventing and fighting crime in Columbus neighborhoods the Department of Public Safety has established a neighborhood safety camera project to be initially implemented in the Hilltop, Livingston Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Weinland Park, and Linden neighborhoods. In addition to City-controlled structures, the project requires the use of buildings not owned by the City for the placement of equipment required for the operation of the neighborhood safety camera program.

As such, the City must enter into license agreements with various third party property owners to permit the City's occupancy and use of various buildings for the placement and operation of equipment and for building access to maintain the equipment. This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to execute a license agreement with COTA, Franklin County, Columbus Public Schools, Campus Partners For Community Urban Redevelopment, Community Properties of Ohio Management Services, King Lincoln Gateway LLC, Nationwide Children's Hospital and other similar entities in order to allow the City to install, operate, and maintain such safety camera equipment at these and other required third party sites.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to allow for the immediate execution of license agreements to allow for the insatllation of equipment necessary for the operation of the neighborhood safety camera project for the preservation of the public peace, property health and safety.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into license agreements with various third party property owners to permit the City to install and operate such equipment as may be necessary to connect to the signals and video of the Safety Department's neighborhood safety camera project; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to place, operate, and maintain equipment required for the implementation of the neighborhood safety camera project on property owned by third parties including COTA, Franklin County, Columbus Public Schools, Campus Partners For Community Urban Redevelopment, Community Properties of Ohio Management Services, King Lincoln Gateway LLC, Nationwide Children's Hospital and other similar entities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into license agreements for the placement, operation, and maintenance of equipment in order to set the terms and conditions for the installation, operation and repair of the equipment necessary to establish and maintain connection with the neighborhood safety camera project; 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 the Department of Finance and Management to enter into and execute license agreements for the placement of equipment connections required to operate the Department of Public Safety neighborhood safety camera project for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety; now, therefore:

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

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management, be and hereby is authorized to enter into license agreements, as approved by the Real Estate Division, Department of Law, with COTA, Franklin County, Columbus Public Schools, Campus Partners For Community Urban Redevelopment, Community Properties of Ohio Management Services, King Lincoln Gateway LLC, Nationwide Children's Hospital, or other similar entities to permit the City to install and operate such equipment as may be necessary to connect to the signals and video from the City's neighborhood safety camera project.

Section 2. That for the reasons state 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.