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Legislation Text

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The Columbus Division of Fire is currently in need of additional ballistic vests for firefighters and emergency service personnel. While in many ways similar to the vests used by the Columbus Division of Police, they are substantially different in that the vests are not assigned to each individual firefighter, and are not custom-sized to fit any particular person. Rather, vests are assigned to certain fire and emergency response vehicles, and are adjustable to provide adequate protection for whoever might be wearing the vest. The rationale for this is based on the fact that instances where firefighters are in imminent danger of being fired upon are far fewer than is the case with police. Nonetheless, the potential danger to firefighters is very real, especially when responding to medical emergencies that are the result of acts of violence. To this end, the City of Columbus has placed ballistic vests on its fire apparatus for quite some time.

This legislation will authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$270,000 within the General Permanent Improvement Fund to allocate monies in the proper project to account for the purchase of bullet proof vests needed for the Division of Fire.

Emergency legislation is required in order to preserve the safety of firefighters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the unallocated balance of the General Permanent Improvement Fund for this appropriation and transfer. This ordinance simply transfers existing funds within in the General Permanent Improvement fund. The transfer between projects is necessary to properly align appropriations with projected expenditures.

To appropriate and authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$270,000 within the General Permanent Improvement Fund for the purchase of bullet proof vests for the Division of Fire; and to declare an emergency. (\$270,000.00)

WHEREAS, a need exists for firefighters to be equipped with bullet proof vests; and

WHEREAS, unallocated funds are available in the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 0930-2007 passed July 19, 2007 previously provided authority for using unallocated General Permanent Improvement Fund monies for equipment for the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$270,000 from the unallocated balance of the General Permanent Improvement fund to properly align appropriations with projected expenditures; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and transfer said funds in order to preserve the safety of firefighters; Now, Therefore;

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

SECTION 1. That this Council appropriates \$270,000 within the General Permanent Improvement Fund as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund.</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Object Level 3</u>	<u>Amount</u>
45-01	748	643114	748999	6000	\$270,000

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$270,000 within the General Permanent Improvement Fund, as follows:

From:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund.</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Proj No</u>	<u>Proj Name</u>	<u>Obj L 3</u>	<u>Amount</u>
45-01	748	643114	748999	Unallocated	6600	\$270,000
				Balance		

To:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund.</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Proj No</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Obj L 3</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-04	748	340123	340123	Fire Equipment	6640	\$270,000

SECTION 3. That this Council appropriates \$270,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, within the General Permanent Improvement Fund as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund.</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Proj No</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Obj L 3</u>
30-04	748	340123	340123	Fire Equipment	6640

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.