

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Ricart Properties for the purchase of twenty nine (29) police cruisers on behalf of the Division of Police. These vehicles, model 2013 AWD Interceptor-Taurus, will replace existing Police cruisers that are high mileage and high maintenance and are scheduled for replacement.

These "base" vehicles shall be ordered by Ricart Automotive. All the units will require up-fitting (the installation of light bars, cameras, communications infrastructure, etc.) which shall be legislated under separate ordinances in 2013. Fleet Management and Support Services will work together to up-fit the 29 Cruisers prior to being placed into service.

The purchase of this model vehicle will mark the beginning of the planned replacement schedule for the Division's current fleet of Crown Victoria Police Interceptors. The Crown Victoria has been the standard Columbus Police unit for the past ten years, but Ford discontinued production of the vehicle in late 2011. The Division will move forward in the future with the Interceptor-Taurus as it continues to phase out high-mileage vehicles.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police operating budget for this expenditure. A total of \$800,000.00 will be expended from the Division of Police, General Fund Operating Budget for vehicle replacements. This ordinance authorizes the appropriation transfer and expenditure of \$800,000.00 within the Department of Public Safety operating fund.

Emergency Action is requested so that the orders for these vehicles can be placed into service and older high maintenance vehicles can be removed from service.

Contract compliance number: Ricart Properties - FL005148 - 311282546 expires 12/31/2012.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Ricart Properties for the purchase of twenty nine (29) police cruisers on behalf of the Division of Police; to authorize the transfer and expenditure of \$800,000.00 within the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$800,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Police Division has a need to replace older and high mileage marked police cruisers; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of these vehicles will greatly reduce the maintenance expense associated with older vehicles; and

WHEREAS, funding for the cruisers is available in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order for the purchase of marked police cruisers for the Division of Police, thereby preserving 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 Finance and Management Director is authorized to establish a purchase order from contract FL005148 with Ricart Properties for the purchase of twenty nine (29) marked patrol cruisers on behalf of the Division of

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Police.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to transfer appropriations between object levels and divisions within the Department of Public Safety as follows:

FROM: <u>Dept/Div</u> 30-03 <u>30-04</u> Total	<u>Fund</u> 010 <u>010</u>	<u>OCA</u> 300625 <u>301499</u>	<u>OL3</u> 1131 <u>1131</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$200,000 <u>\$600,000</u> \$800,000
TO: <u>Dept/Div</u> 30-03	<u>Fund</u> 010	<u>OCA</u> 301697	<u>OL3</u> 6650	<u>Amount</u> \$800,000

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$800,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, be and is hereby authorized and approved as follows: Division 30-03 Fund: 010 OCA Code: 301697 Object Level 1:06 Object level 3: 6650 Amount: \$800,000.00

SECTION 4. 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 for 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.