



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to associate any and all budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the purchase agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment. Funds for all of Public Safety's wireless cellular expenses were budgeted within the Division of Support Services' general fund budget in order to leverage savings through the volume of use by all Safety personnel. There is an immediate need for the funding of the wireless communication services and devices for the Divisions of Police, Fire, Support Services, and the Safety Director's Office as it supports critical operational activity for the entire Department of Public Safety.

Bid Information: The Purchasing Office has established a universal term contract PA000399 with Cellco Partnership for Verizon wireless services.

Contract Compliance: Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless Compliance No. CC001698

Emergency Designation: This legislation is being processed as an emergency measure to allow for the immediate funding needed for the continuation of wireless communication services and devices to assure that all devices have the connectivity necessary to operate and support the citizens of the City of Columbus.

Fiscal Impact: \$480,000.00 is available and budgeted within the Division of Support Services' 2024 General Fund Budget for this purpose.

Historical expenditures for this purpose include:

2023: \$587,151.82

2022: \$630,971.66

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to associate any and all budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the purchase agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment; to authorize the expenditure of \$480,000.00 from the Division of Support Services general fund budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$480,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Support Services needs to purchase wireless data communications, cellular services, and devices; and,

WHEREAS, a Universal Term Contract with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless, has been established by the Purchasing Office for these services; and,

WHEREAS, the expenditure of up to \$480,000.00 is necessary to assure the continuation of existing wireless communication services for the Department of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to associate any and all budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the purchase agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment, 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 Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized to associate any and all budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the purchase agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment, on the basis of the City's universal term contract number PA000399.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$480,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 5. That for the 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.