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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them. Community Crime Patrol, Inc. provides teams of patrollers who monitor the residential neighborhoods of the Hilltop area, Franklinton, Merion Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area and many city parks. The duration of this agreement will be March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Community Crime Patrol is funded by the City of Columbus, The Ohio State University, and the East Main Street Special Improvement District.

Emergency Designation: This legislation is presented as an emergency to ensure that the community crime patrol program continues without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Public Safety Director to enter into a contract with Community Crime Patrol for a total of \$375,000.00 for the patrol of selected neighborhoods in the City of Columbus. Funds for Community Crime Patrol were budgeted at \$375,000 in the 2020 General Fund Operating Budget. Community Crime Patrol was funded at \$375,000.00 in 2015 and 2016, \$390,000 in 2017, and \$375,000 in 2018 and 2019 for patrol activities.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to provide citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the control and prevention of crime in residential neighborhoods of the Hilltop area, Franklinton, Merion Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area, and many city parks; to authorize the expenditure of \$375,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$375,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety's 2020 general fund operating budget allocates funding to contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the patrol of City of Columbus neighborhoods such as the Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Village Area, Olde Towne East/Franklin Park, Northland/North Linden Area, and many City Parks; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. provides citizen patrollers in these areas who assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to ensure the continuation of the program without interruption, for the 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 Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the purpose of providing citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the identification and reporting of suspicious activity. The contract period will be March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$375,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the

General Fund 1000-100010 in object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the spreadsheet attached 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 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.