



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. ("CCP") to provide citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and reporting them to the Police Division. The duration of this contract will be negotiated by the Director.

This funding will allow the Director or designee to work with CCP to develop a plan to expand services to those areas where necessary and appropriate. Such plan must be presented to Council for approval prior to implementation.

This expansion of CCP services will be solely funded by Columbus City Council through the Jobs Growth Fund. This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the Columbus City Council Jobs Growth Fund (Fund 15) for the purposes stated herein.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the Safety Director to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol for a total of \$300,000.00 for the patrol of selected Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Districts in Columbus. The Safety Department funded the Community Crime Patrol for patrol activities at \$358,000 in 2011, \$763,000 in 2012 and \$763,000 in 2013.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. to expand citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the control and prevention of crime in select neighborhoods; to require Council approval of such plan for expanded services; to authorize and direct the appropriation and expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the Columbus City Council Jobs Growth Fund (Fund 15); and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** Columbus City Council supports strong economic development in our Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Districts through enhanced public safety initiatives; and

**WHEREAS,** monies budgeted will fund a contract with the Community Crime Patrol for the control and prevention of crime in Columbus neighborhoods, as necessary and appropriate; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Department of Public Safety will work with the Community Crime Patrol to develop a plan for such expanded services and will present such plan for approval by this Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Columbus City Council now desires that the Director of the Department of Public Safety enter into contract with the Community Crime Patrol, Inc. for the provision of citizen patrollers, 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 City in that it is immediately necessary to approve and execute this agreement for the preservation of the public peace, health, 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 expanding citizen patrollers to assist the Division of Police in the identification and reporting of suspicious activity. For the purposes of this section, the contract period may be negotiated by the Director.

**SECTION 2.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

**SECTION 3.** That the Director of the Department of Public Safety be and hereby is authorized and directed to present for approval by this Council a proposed plan for the expansion of services under the contract authorized in Section 3, prior to implementation of such plan.

**SECTION 4.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to appropriate and encumber funds in the amount of \$300,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, for this expenditure as follows:

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**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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 (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.