



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol for the continuation of the Southern Gateway patrol.

Community Crime Patrol is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support Columbus Division of Police enforcement activities by serving as an additional set of eyes and ears within Columbus neighborhoods. Citizen patrollers equipped only with flashlights and radios walk and bike neighborhoods in an effort to deter crime, build neighborhood awareness of crime prevention techniques, and assist in the apprehension of suspects by alerting police to criminal activity. These highly-trained citizen patrollers are also capable of providing first aid when necessary.

In 2016, Columbus City Council, in partnership with local businesses and non-profit organizations, provided resources for the creation of a new patrol in the Southern Gateway neighborhood. This ordinance provides additional funding to continue services in the area at current levels. The funds authorized in this ordinance are in addition to commitments from Nationwide Children's Hospital (\$25,000) and Community Development for All People (\$20,000).

Emergency action is requested so that there is no loss of service at current levels.

FISCAL IMPACT: Sufficient funds are available in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with Community Crime Patrol for the purpose of providing citizen patrol services; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$15,000.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

WHEREAS, Community Crime Patrol is currently under contract with the city to provide citizen patrol services in a number of area neighborhoods in support of the Division of Police's overall efforts to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Columbus City Council, in partnership with local businesses and non-profit organizations, provided resources for the creation of a new patrol in the Southern Gateway neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the funding authorized within this ordinance will support the maintenance of the Southern Gateway patrol; and

WHEREAS, City Council established the Public Safety Initiatives Fund in order to provide funding for programs and initiatives that complement the efforts of the Department of Public Safety and help to secure the safety and well-being of persons and property in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract so that citizen patrol services can remain at current levels in order to preserve 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 to support citizen patrols of the Southern Gateway neighborhood.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$15,000.00 in the Public Safety

Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. That this contract authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 5. 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 legislation.

SECTION 6. 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.