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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Finance & Management Director to issue a purchase order for the Division of Police in the amount of \$230,000.00 with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment. The Division of Police is in need of wireless data communication services and devices from an existing State of Ohio Term Contract with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless. The Division of Police has a need to purchase wireless communication devices and services for use in Patrol Cruisers' response, data collection, and transmission. The Division also needs increased cellular connection for response vehicles in some parts of the City in order to minimize any potential data disruptions for the computer aided dispatch system's mobile computers. This purchase by the City of Columbus from a State of Ohio contract is authorized by Ordinance 582-87 that allows for cooperative purchasing between the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Contracts and other governmental entities. There is an immediate need to issue funding for this contract for the purpose of providing wireless communication services and devices.

**Bid Information:** A State of Ohio Term Contract exists for this purchase.

**Contract Compliance:** Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless Compliance No. CC001698 expires 1/10/2020.

**Emergency Designation:** This legislation is to be considered an emergency measure to allow for the immediate funding needed for the continuation of wireless communication services and devices.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$230,000.00 from the General Fund for the current wireless communication service contract. A total of \$100,000 has already been encumbered and/or spent from this year's appropriation. The Division of Police budgeted \$405,400.00 in the 2018 General Fund operating budget for this purpose. In 2017, the Division spent or encumbered \$345,000.00. In 2016, the Division spent or encumbered \$350,000.00. In 2015, the Division spent or encumbered \$315,000.00.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order for wireless data communication and cellular services and devices for the Division of Police from an existing Cooperative State of Ohio Term Contract established for such purpose by the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Purchasing Office with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless; to authorize the expenditure of \$230,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$230,000.00)

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

**WHEREAS,** a State of Ohio Term Contract established by the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Purchasing Office exists for these purchases; and

**WHEREAS,** Ordinance 582-87 authorized this cooperative purchasing effort between the State of Ohio and other governmental entities; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order for said services and devices, 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 and directed to issue a purchase order for the purchase of wireless data communication, cellular services, and devices for the Division of Police in accordance with the existing State of Ohio Term Contract established by the State of Ohio Purchasing Office with Verizon Wireless, the purchase from which is authorized by Ord. 582-87.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$230,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the General Fund in object class 03 contractual services 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 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.