



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Zoll Medical Corporation for the purchase of defibrillators for the Division of Fire. The Division of Fire is in need of purchasing Zoll Medical Corporation defibrillators for use in daily front line EMS responses. Zoll Medical Corporation is offering special pricing that exceeds savings in their current State Term Pricing, thus resulting in the need of a bid waiver. This purchase includes the trade in of existing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life cycle and is in need of replacement, which requires a waiver of the surplus property requirements of the City Code. The waiver of bidding would facilitate a more expedient delivery of this new equipment, replace existing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life cycle, and take advantage of special pricing that exceeds the savings offered by Zoll's current State Term Pricing.

Bid Information: This purchase is recommended to be made with a waiver of formal bidding requirements, as Zoll Medical Corporation is offering special pricing that exceeds the savings offered in their current State Term Pricing; a bid waiver would also result in a more expedient process to replace existing aging defibrillators currently in use by the Division of Fire. This ordinance also authorizes the waiver of the surplus property requirements of the City Code, as Zoll's pricing reflects the trade in of existing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life cycle.

Contract Compliance: #04-2711626 (Vendor #000197)

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to make funding immediately available to acquire this important equipment, and ensure EMS response services can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the transfer of funds between projects within Safety's Capital Improvement budget and an expenditure of \$149,850.25 for the purchase of defibrillators from Zoll Medical Corporation to replace equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life cycle. Funds are available within Safety's Capital budget for this purchase.

To authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds between projects within Safety's Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Zoll Medical Corporation for the purchase of defibrillators on behalf of the Division of Fire; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code; to authorize an expenditure of \$149,850.25 from the Safety Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$149,850.25)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds within Public Safety's Capital Improvement Budget to properly align cash with projected expenditure; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase Zoll Medical Corporation defibrillators for the Division of Fire; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding procedures of City Code Chapter 329 to allow the purchase from Zoll Medical Corporation in order to take advantage of special pricing that exceeds the savings offered in Zoll's State Term Pricing; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive the surplus property requirements of the City Code, as Zoll's pricing reflects the trade in of existing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life cycle; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to issue a purchase order to Zoll Medical Corporation for the purchase of the aforementioned equipment; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order for the aforementioned 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 City Auditor is authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within Public Safety's Capital Improvement budget per the accounting codes in the attachment to this legislation.

SECTION 2. That the Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to Zoll Medical Corporation for the purchase of defibrillators for the Division of Fire.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$149,850.25, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Safety Bond Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 7. That this Council finds it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding requirements and the surplus property requirements of City Code to allow the aforementioned purchase from Zoll Medical Corporation.

SECTION 8. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.