



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an amended agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Division of Police Bell 407GX helicopter authorized on Ordinance 2714-2019.

An additional request is needed to appropriate funds in the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund.

Bid Information: This purchase is recommended to be made with a waiver of bidding requirements, to ensure compatibility with the Bell Helicopter and prevent further delay of delivery.

This company is not debarred according to the System for Award Management (SAM) or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested because of the need to get this agreement implemented as soon as possible and maintain the capabilities of Division of Police Helicopters.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$280,100.00 from the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund to enter into an amended agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Bell 407GX Helicopter. Funds are available in the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund for this agreement.

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To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an amended agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Bell 407GX helicopter for the Division of Police; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$280,100.00 from the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$280,100.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police has the need to improve its helicopter fleet and expand the mission capabilities of their aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Safety seeks authorization to enter into an amended agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Division of Police Bell 407GX helicopter authorized on Ordinance 2714-2019; and,

WHEREAS, the expenditure of \$280,100.00 will be funded through the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Police recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding procedures of the City Code Chapter 329 to allow for this amended agreement in order to take advantage of the competitive pricing and mission capability of the Bell 407GX; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into an amended agreement for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Police Helicopter as soon as possible in order to

maintain aircraft capabilities for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Public Safety Director is hereby authorized to enter into an amended agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. for the purchase and installation of Autopilot, Air Conditioner, and Avionics Shelves into the Bell 407GX helicopter authorized on Ordinance 2714-2019 for the Columbus Division of Police.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the City Code to allow the aforementioned purchase from Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.

SECTION 3. That from the monies in the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund, the sum of \$280,100.00 is appropriated to the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this legislation.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of up to \$280,100.00, or so much as thereof as may be needed, be and is hereby authorized from the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund to pay Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. per the accounting codes in the attachment to this legislation.

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 thereof, 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.