



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order and associate a budget reservation for wireless services with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for wireless voice, data, GPS, modem services, and equipment. Funds for all of Public Safety's wireless cellular expenses were consolidated in the Division of Support Services' General Fund budget in order to leverage savings through the volume of use by all Safety personnel. There is an immediate need to issue funding for this contract for the purpose of providing wireless communication services and devices for the Divisions of Police, Fire, Support Services and the Safety Director's Office.

Bid Information: The Purchasing Office has set up universal term contract PA000399 with Cellco Partnership for Verizon wireless services.

Contract Compliance: Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless Compliance No. CC001698 expires 9/24/2022.

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 \$530,000.00 from the general fund for the current wireless communication service contract. The Department of Public Safety budgeted \$551,000.00 in the 2021 general fund operating budget for this purpose.

Historical expenditures for this purpose include:

2020: \$550,358

2019: \$530,674

2018: \$446,650

This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of the 2021 Operating Budget, ordinance 2502-2020.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, for wireless data communication and cellular services and devices from an existing Universal Term Contract to Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless; to authorize the expenditure of \$530,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$530,000.00)

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

WHEREAS, a Universal Term Contract with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless has been established by the Purchasing Office for these services; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless, for the continuation of wireless communication 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 to issue a purchase order to Celco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless, for wireless communication services and devices for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, on the basis of the City's universal term contract number PA000399.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$530,000.00, 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.