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TO: Columbus City Council

FROM: Chief Dennis Weiner

REF: Purchasing approval for LESO purchases

DATE: August 26, 2025

I am requesting a change to the current purchasing authority for vehicles or equipment purchased under the LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office) as we continue to move forward on our assigned or take home squad program. Current authority limits the city administrator to \$25,000 if the funding source is identified in the budget. The LESO funds are not recognized as being part of the budget as they are unique, not taxpayer funds, and funds going in and out vary.

I am requesting that the city administrator be authorized to approve vehicle or equipment purchases by the police department, between \$5,000 and up to \$25,000, with available LESO funds. This amount is consistent with the current purchasing policy for budgeted items.