

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Service Agreement Amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE)
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve a service agreement amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE) from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) to add Court Notifications for a one-time start-up fee of \$15,125.00, and an annual fee of \$10,000.00. Upon mutual agreement, the City and Appriss may renew the contract for up to four (4) subsequent, 12-month periods. Each annual renewal period is subject to a 3% annual increase.

Per Georgia Code O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, crime victims have the right to receive automated notifications regarding court proceedings and timely notice of the arrest, release or escape of the offender. Appriss has developed the automated victim notification system known as VINE. The system provides automated notifications for those notifications required for crime victims. VINE is a solution that lets crime victims and other concerned citizens access timely and reliable information regarding offenders. The system will enable victims to receive automated notifications via their choice of format: phone, email, or text. In April 2020, Per Resolution #094-20, Council approved the purchase of the VINE system. The system integrates with the City's upgraded Court Management System, Odyssey, provided by Tyler Technologies. The requested amendment will add court notifications to the existing VINE system.

Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Special Project/Capital Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Computer Equipment – Court Management System Upgrade OLOST; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 7751 – 22945 – 20200. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate funding source, in subsequent fiscal years, for the payment of the annual recurring costs.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR THE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (VINE) FROM APPRISS, INC., (LOUISVILLE, KY) TO ADD COURT NOTIFICATIONS FOR A ONE-TIME START-UP FEE OF \$15,125.00, AND AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$10,000.00. UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE CITY AND APPRISS MAY RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR UP TO FOUR (4) SUBSEQUENT, 12-MONTH PERIODS. EACH ANNUAL RENEWAL PERIOD IS SUBJECT TO A 3% ANNUAL INCREASE.**

**WHEREAS**, per Georgia Code O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights, crime victims have the right to receive automated notifications regarding court proceedings and timely notice of the arrest, release or escape of the offender. Appriss has developed the automated victim notification system known as VINE. The system provides automated notifications for those notifications required for crime victims. VINE is a solution that lets crime victims and other concerned citizens access timely and reliable information regarding offenders. The system will enable victims to receive automated notifications via their choice of format: phone, email, or text; and,

**WEHREAS**, in April 2020, Per Resolution #094-20, Council approved the purchase of the VINE system. The system integrates with the City’s upgraded Court Management System, Odyssey, provided by Tyler Technologies. The requested amendment will add court notifications to the existing VINE system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the service agreement amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE) from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) to add Court Notifications for a one-time start-up fee of \$15,125.00, and an annual fee of \$10,000.00. Upon mutual agreement, the City and Appriss may renew the contract for up to four (4) subsequent, 12-month periods. Each annual renewal period is subject to a 3% annual increase. Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Special Project/Capital Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Computer Equipment – Court Management System Upgrade OLOST; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 7751 – 22945 – 20200. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate funding source, in subsequent fiscal years, for the payment of the annual recurring costs.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor