

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Storage Facility Rental Payment for the Sheriff's Office
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve payment to River Mill Storage, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the annual storage facility rental fee, in the amount of \$40,079.00 for FY23. It is also requested that payment be approved for subsequent annual rental fees.

The storage facility is utilized by the Sheriff's Office to store items that have been seized during executed search warrants and other criminal activity. Sensitive equipment such as the MCSO bomb trailer, utility trailer and surplus x-ray machines are stored at the facility, as well as, the Mobile Command Unit and trailer. Additionally, storage may be used to house evidence from Superior Court cases that may go to Appeal. The facility is gated and uses closed circuit security cameras that are monitored offsite.

The Sheriff's Office has used the River Mill Storage facility since before 2004 to house various pieces of equipment. In the past, payments for the storage units were made from either the Sheriff Drug Fund or Sheriff Forfeiture Funds, which could be used at the discretion of the Sheriff's Office without adherence to the Procurement Ordinance. Currently, there is not enough funding available in either fund to pay the storage fee. Consequently, the payment must be made from the Sheriff's operating budget.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Sheriff – Special Operations/Investigations –Services; 0101 – 550 – 2200 – INFU – 6319. Funds will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years for future annual rental fees.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO RIVER MILL STORAGE, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA) FOR THE ANNUAL STORAGE FACILITY RENTAL FEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,079.00, FOR FY23. PAYMENT IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED FOR SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL RENTAL FEES.**

**WHEREAS**, the storage facility is utilized by the Sheriff’s Office to store items that have been seized during executed search warrants and other criminal activity. Sensitive equipment such as the MCSO bomb trailer, utility trailer and surplus x-ray machines are stored at the facility, as well as, the Mobile Command Unit and trailer. Additionally, storage may be used to house evidence from Superior Court cases that may go to Appeal. The facility is gated and uses closed circuit security cameras that are monitored offsite; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office has used the River Mill Storage facility since before 2004 to house various pieces of equipment. In the past, payments for the storage units were made from either the Sheriff Drug Fund or Sheriff Forfeiture Funds, which could be used at the discretion of the Sheriff’s Office without adherence to the Procurement Ordinance. Currently, there is not enough funding available in either fund to pay the storage fee. Consequently, the payment must be made from the Sheriff’s operating budget.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make payment to River Mill Storage, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the annual storage facility rental fee, in the amount of \$40,079.00, for FY23. The City Manager is further authorized to make payment for subsequent annual rental fees. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Sheriff – Special Operations/Investigations – Contractual Services; 0101 – 550 – 2200 – INFU – 6319. Funds will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years for future annual rental fees.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 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