

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY2025 Exigent Vehicle Purchases</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to make “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY25, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to make “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY25, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.

**Background:** Purchasing of vehicles, whether for Public Safety or other departments, remains problematic due to supply chain issues, computer chip shortages, and other difficulties. Authorizing “off the lot” purchases will allow departments to obtain needed vehicles that cannot be delivered. Upon the receipt of specification sheet and request from a department or office of the Consolidated Government, the Fleet Management Division of Public Works will first perform a search for the requested vehicles on the sales lot of cooperative contracted dealerships. If said vehicle is not available, Fleet will perform a search for said vehicles on sales lot of dealerships within a 100-mile radius of Muscogee County to include any contiguous states.

**Analysis:** Orders for vehicles have been stalled for months, in some cases over a year, with no definitive timeline for delivery. This has created issues with Public Safety and other departments fulfilling their respective duties.

**Financial Considerations:** Only vehicles that have been budgeted and approved in FY25 will be purchased under the authorization of this Resolution due to the exigent circumstances noted above. The success of this process will continue to be evaluated and, if needed, another separate resolution will be submitted for consideration for any subsequent fiscal year purchases.

**Legal Considerations:** Since timing may be of the essence, a vendor purchase order may be required prior to the next Council meeting if vehicles have been identified and can be purchased “off the lot” of an authorized dealership. Consequently, all vehicle purchases authorized by this Resolution with costs exceeding \$25,000 will be placed on Council agenda for informational purposes.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to continue “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for the remainder of FY25, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.



**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASES, DUE TO ON-GOING SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, FOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS PART OF THE BUDGET FOR FY2025, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VEHICLES PURCHASED USING FEDERAL FUNDS, THAT HAVE BEEN EITHER DIRECTLY AWARDED OR PASSED THROUGH ANOTHER ENTITY TO CCG.**

**WHEREAS**, purchasing of any vehicles, whether for Public Safety or other departments has become increasingly problematic because of supply chain issues, computer chip shortages, and other difficulties to date; and,

**WHEREAS**, orders for vehicles have been stalled for months, in some cases over a year, with no definitive timeline for delivery thus creating issues with Public Safety and other departments fulfilling their respective duties; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon the receipt of specification sheet and request from a department or office of the Consolidated Government, the Fleet Management Division of Public Works will first perform a search for the requested vehicles on the sales lot of cooperative contracted dealerships. If said vehicle is not available, Fleet will perform a search for said vehicles on the sales lot of dealerships within a 100-mile radius of Muscogee County to include any contiguous states; and,

**WHEREAS**, only vehicles that have been budgeted and approved in FY25 will be purchased under the authorization of this Resolution due to the exigent circumstances noted above; and,

**WHEREAS**, since timing may be of the essence to secure a vehicle, a vendor purchase order may be issued prior to the next Council meeting if a vehicle has been identified and can be purchased “off the lot” of an authorized dealership; and,

**WHEREAS**, all vehicle purchases authorized by this Resolution with costs exceeding \$25,000 will be placed on Council agenda for informational purposes.

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

The City Manager and/or his designee is authorized to purchase vehicles “off the lot” of authorized dealerships, due to on-going supply chain issues, for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY25, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Chambers voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor