

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

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 \$32,700.00, for FY21.

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 FY21 Budget; General Fund – Sheriff – Uniform Division – Contractual Services; 0101 – 550 – 2100 – SPTL – 6319.

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 \$32,700.00, FOR FY21, 2020-2021.

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 \$32,700.00, for FY21, 2020-2021. Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget; General Fund – Sheriff – Uniform Division – Contractual Services; 0101 – 550 – 2100 – SPTL – 6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 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 Thompson voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor