

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	One (1) 2026 E350 Transit Van For The Columbus Fire Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2026 E350 Transit Van for the Columbus Fire Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a total cost of \$ 59,960.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contracts #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001.

The transport van will function as a mobile drone control and deployment unit, providing secure storage, transport, and operational space for the Fire Department's current drone equipment as well as additional technologies to be acquired in the future. Establishing a centralized, mobile hub for these assets enhances the department's ability to rapidly deploy drones for emergency scenes, search and rescue efforts, special operations incidents, and damage assessments. The vehicle's interior will be configured to support equipment charging, maintenance, and mission-planning functions, ensuring that the unmanned aerial systems are always ready for immediate use. This is a new vehicle.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001 is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles. The term of the contract is good through June 15, 2027. These contracts are available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 2021 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks – Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment – Fire/EMS; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7722-54152-20240.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 E350 TRANSIT VAN FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM WADE FORD (SMYRNA, GA) AT A TOTAL COST OF \$ 59,960.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACTS #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001.

WHEREAS, the transport van will function as a mobile drone control and deployment unit, providing secure storage, transport, and operational space for the Fire Department's current drone equipment as well as additional technologies to be acquired in the future. Establishing a centralized, mobile hub for these assets enhances the department's ability to rapidly deploy drones for emergency scenes, search and rescue efforts, special operations incidents, and damage assessments. The vehicle's interior will be configured to support equipment charging, maintenance, and mission-planning functions, ensuring that the unmanned aerial systems are always ready for immediate use. This is a new vehicle; and,

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 2026 E350 Transit Van for the Columbus Fire Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a total cost of \$59,960.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contracts #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Funding is available in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund- 2021 SPLOST- 2021 SPLOST Public Safety- Light Trucks- Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment – Fire/EMS; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7722-54152-20240.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

