

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Rapid Access System Project – Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the purchase of the Knox® Rapid Access System (Knox Box) from Knox Company, (Phoenix, AZ), in the amount of \$254,326.96. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via RFP #JA-19-90 and resulting Resolution #R 2020-007, issued by The Town of Davie, Florida. In addition, it is requested that Council authorize the use of OLost Public Safety Reserve funds for this purchase, as well as, the installation services in the amount of \$30,090.00, which will be performed by the City’s contracted vendor for Vehicle Build Out Services, Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA). It is also requested that City Council approve payment of the annual license fees, after the first year, at approximately \$2,199.00; and the purchase of additional units, at approximately \$1,300 - \$1,400, when more vehicles or City buildings are added to the project. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years for these annual payments and additional purchases.

The Knox Box system will provide the City’s first responders and public safety personnel with rapid entry to City buildings, schools, and participating businesses during emergency incidents. This system will help prevent damage to doors and entry points while also tracking the Columbus specific system keys for security and accountability. The project will place secured master ekey in select vehicles of the Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, Columbus Fire and EMS, and Homeland Security/Emergency Management. The system purchase includes installation of the equipment as follows:

- 28 – Fire Trucks (Key access box, mounting bracket and key)
- 3 – Fire Battalion Chief Explorers (Key access box, mounting bracket and key)
- 40 – CPD vehicles (Key access box, mounting bracket and key)
- 45 – Sheriff vehicles (Key access box, mounting bracket and key)
- 2 – Homeland Security Vehicles (Key access box, mounting bracket and key)
- 156 – Mounted boxes on CCG buildings (single key access hardened steel box to be installed by Facilities)

Businesses, Schools and other entities wishing to participate in the program must purchase the equipment at approximately \$650 per box.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #JA-19-90, initiated by Town of Davie (Davie, FL), whereby Knox Box was the successful vendor contracted to provide Fire Department Secure Access Box Program. The effective date of the contract began January 15, 2020 for an initial term of three years with the option to renew for additional three-year periods. The RFP process utilized by the Town of Davie meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY23 Budget via OLOST Public Safety Reserves. Purchases will be made from: 0102-450-9900-LOST-7761; Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – Homeland Security – Public Safety – LOST – Capital Expenditures - Over \$5,000.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE KNOX® RAPID ACCESS SYSTEM (KNOX BOX) FROM KNOX COMPANY, (PHOENIX, AZ), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$254,326.96. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA RFP #JA-19-90 AND RESULTING RESOLUTION #R 2020-007, ISSUED BY THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA. IN ADDITION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE USE OF OLOST PUBLIC SAFETY RESERVE FUNDS FOR THIS PURCHASE, AS WELL AS, THE INSTALLATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,090.00, WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE CITY'S CONTRACTED VENDOR FOR VEHICLE BUILD OUT SERVICES, MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA (COLUMBUS, GA). IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES, AFTER THE FIRST YEAR, AT APPROXIMATELY \$2,199.00; AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL UNITS, AT APPROXIMATELY \$1,300 - \$1,400, WHEN MORE VEHICLES OR CITY BUILDINGS ARE ADDED TO THE PROJECT. FUNDS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS FOR THESE ANNUAL PAYMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PURCHASES.

WHEREAS, the Knox Box system will provide the City's first responders and public safety personnel with rapid entry to City buildings, schools, and participating businesses during emergency incidents. This system will help prevent damage to doors and entry points while also tracking the Columbus specific system keys for security and accountability. The project will place secured master ekey in select vehicles of the Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Fire and EMS, and Homeland Security/Emergency Management. The system purchase includes installation of the equipment as follows:

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase of the Knox® Rapid Access System (Knox Box) from Knox Company, (Phoenix, AZ), in the amount of \$254,326.96. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via RFP #JA-19-90 and resulting Resolution #R 2020-007, issued by The Town of Davie, Florida. In addition, the City Manager is authorized to use of OLost Public Safety Reserve funds for this purchase, as well as, the installation services in the amount of \$30,090.00, which will be performed by the City's

contracted vendor for Vehicle Build Out Services, Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA). Funds are available in the FY23 Budget via OLOST Public Safety Reserves. Purchases will be made from: 0102-450-9900-LOST-7761; Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – Homeland Security – Public Safety – LOST – Capital Expenditures - Over \$5,000.

The City Manager is further authorized to pay annual license fees, after the first year, at approximately \$2,199.00; and purchase additional units, at approximately \$1,300 - \$1,400, when more vehicles or City buildings are added to the project. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years for these annual payments and additional purchases.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor