

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO TWO VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the regular replacement of police vehicles is of utmost importance in the ongoing protection and preservation of safety with the City of Hudson;

WHEREAS, during 2021 and 2022, the City of Hudson has previously authorized the purchase of eight vehicles for the police department through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and other programs; and

WHEREAS, presently the City Police Department has only received one of the trucks out of the 2021 order and may receive one other truck soon; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company has cancelled all remaining fleet orders for 2021 and 2022 and advised that if and when they resume, there will be an additional \$10,000 per vehicle charge; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is currently searching for any police/pursuit rated vehicles that might be available but the competition is expected to be immense because other departments throughout Ohio are doing the same; and

WHEREAS, to increase the City of Hudson's chances of securing at least a portion of the needed vehicles, the Police Department has requested authorization to purchase up to two (2) vehicles without the competitive bidding process or other traditional purchasing programs, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 (\$75,000 each).

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter, Section 6.04 of Article VII, this Council is permitted to authorize such an expenditure when it determines and declares that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property, or public peace; and

WHEREAS, this Council has appropriated the funds necessary for the purchase of at least two (2) vehicles to replace vehicles in the City's vehicle fleet for the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: That because the Ford Motor Company's cancellation of all remaining unfilled fleet orders for 2021 and 2022 and the impact of this announcement has made it almost impossible to find the necessary replacement police vehicles, this Council determines and declares that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property, or public peace.

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to sign agreements and do all things necessary to purchase up to two (2) police vehicles at a total cost not to exceed \$150,000 (\$75,000 each), as said amount has been appropriated in the City budget. In the event the City Manager can secure one or both vehicles under a traditional state approved purchasing program, that shall be the course taken and the authorization hereunder shall be diminished by the number of vehicles acquired in that fashion.

Section 3: The purchasing authority granted herein shall expire on March 31, 2023.

Section 4: That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to purchase the vehicles to maintain police patrols within the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council elected thereto, or six (6) affirmative votes if all members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 22-141 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council