

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 11 - 2017

MARCH 1, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for new Thermal Imager Equipment.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2017 General Fund in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase Thermal Imager Equipment.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

**Fire Department
Fire Suppression/Extinguishment**

000-05-0803-0002-72	Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Allentown Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office Of The State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase Fire Training Equipment.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of Fire Thermal Imaging equipment to be used by the Allentown Fire Department personnel. This funding establishes the funds necessary to procure essential fire service related equipment to assist and enhance search and rescue operations performed by the Allentown Fire Department as well as improve firefighter safety.

- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**

The equipment will provide a multitude of benefits for the citizens we protect on a daily basis, reduce the chance of injury or death, will meet the demands of all emergency service response as well as improve firefighter safety. We see no downside to this Bill.

- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly trained to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**

100% grant funded expense.

- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This benefits the citizens of Allentown as well as all Fire Personnel by allowing us to replace old outdated technology with new and improved technology and capabilities.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Appropriate \$15,000.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Grant monies to be appropriated to the general fund and placed into Fire Budget account 000-05-0803-0002-72 (\$15,000.00).

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Grant deadline for monies to be spent will be ending July 2017.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Our current Thermal Imager Equipment has outdated technology and is no longer under warranty, thus resulting in expensive repairs. Thermal Imager Equipment technology is a vital element in most emergency situations. Failure to have functional, proper and adequate equipment may result in injury or death to our first responders and civilians.