

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 58 - 2017

OCTOBER 4, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 E-911 Fund Budget by transferring One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the E-911 Fund for the down payment on the radio system upgrade. The 2017 financial impact is the \$1,000,000 down payment to Harris. PEMA is allowing the use of \$1,200,000 of 911 funds toward the purchase of this equipment. \$1,000,000 will be used as the down payment to the vendor, Harris, and the remaining \$200,000 will be paid in 2018 toward the debt service of the loan. Starting in 2019 there will be an annual payment of \$535,308 divided among the 4 funds that use the radio system for the next 5 years.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a transfer from the unappropriated balance of the E-911 Fund in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars in the following manner:

Police

Emergency Communications:

911-04-0808-0001-72	Equipment	\$1,000,000
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SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Police Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Due to the aging radio system the City currently uses and the need to better communicate with other emergency services in this region, it has become necessary to completely upgrade the current radio system. PEMA is allowing the City to use \$1,200,000 of 911 funds toward the purchase of this equipment. \$1,000,000 will be used as the down payment to the vendor, Harris, and the remaining \$200,000 will be paid in 2018 toward the debt service of the loan.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This Bill will move \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated balance of the E-911 fund to the expense account 72 for the downpayment of the new radio system for Communications.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The 2017 financial impact is the \$1,000,000 down payment to Harris. After that there will be an annual payment of \$535,308 divided among the 4 funds that use the radio system for the next 5 years.

- **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.**

911 Funds as approved by PEMA.

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

Current radio system is breaking down frequently and the need for replacement is imminent.

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

A new upgraded radio system will help ensure the safety of the City's first responders as well as the employees who work in our Parks, Streets, Building Standards and Safety and Recycling Departments.