

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 7 – 2019

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FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant for the purchase of drones to be utilized to document major accidents and crime scenes.

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 2019 General Fund in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Grant into revenue account:

**000-5231**

**Police Grants**

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

**Police Department  
Administration**

**000-04-0802-0001-72**

**Equipment**

**\$ 10,000**

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Police Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue from a Department of Community and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase drones to be utilized to document major accidents and crime scenes. The application is through the Office of Representative Peter Schweyer.

- **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 provide necessary equipment and offset the cost of necessary equipment. The purchase of drones will allow for the documentation of crime scenes and major accidents. The costs include training.

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

This bill includes funding for the purchase of drones as well as the training.

- **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.**

Funded by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Grant was submitted on December 15, 2018.

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

The training and deployment of the drones will occur as necessary to document crime scenes and major accidents. Training and certifications will be provided by representatives from the Lehigh County drone unit.