

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-50

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (COMMUNICATIONS CENTER) AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL PAYMENTS BASED UPON AN ACTUAL USAGE FEE SCHEDULE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, provides the method under which the City Manager shall make certain purchases and enter into contracts for the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, authorizes contracts with other governmental units for periods no longer than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the City has an ongoing contract with the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (Communications Center) to provide emergency communication services for police, fire and emergency medical services, with fees based upon actual details dispatched; and

WHEREAS, the City is also working with the County for general government radio services and support; and

WHEREAS, the existing basic contract provisions have not changed since authorized through Ordinance Nos. 89-25, 94-34, and 99-95 (covering the period through December 9, 2009) except for costs per detail, payment periods, and new services added; and

WHEREAS, an update of the contract and authorization for payment of annual fees for all public safety services and general government communications is needed and recommended by the Police and Fire Administration of Blue Ash.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for a ten-year period for emergency and general government communication services with the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (Communications Center) and to make annual payments associated therewith based upon actual usage for all City emergency and general government services. This contractual period shall begin December 10, 2009.

SECTION II.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate minor service and program changes as well as fee adjustments less than 10% in the base ceiling contract each year as necessary within the contract framework to provide ongoing emergency and general government communication services.

SECTION III.

The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds therefor, which funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio; the reason for the emergency being the need to provide for emergency and general government communication services for the citizens and employees of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2009.

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Robert J. Buckman, Jr., Mayor

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Susan K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark A. Vander Laan, Solicitor