

ORDINANCE NO. 14794

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.15 - 2010

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INTRODUCED BY

MARCH 17, 2010

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of from a Department of Justice grant, 2008-DJ-BX-0251 to the Police Department to provide for installation of audio and video recording systems for five interview rooms.

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 2010 General Fund in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four (\$36,744) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from a Department of Justice grant to contract services program of the Police Department to provide for audio and video recording systems for five interview rooms.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Police Department contract services program as follows:

**Police Department  
Police Operations:**

<b>000-04-0802-0001-46</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	<b>\$36,744.00</b>
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?

This bill originates from the Police Department.

#### Summary and Facts of the Bill

This Bill will provide for installation of audio and video recording systems for five interview rooms to be used by investigators. Each room will have two cameras and can be monitored and controlled from a central control room. This will be a server based solution that is scalable for future expansion.

#### Purpose

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

This bill will aid in the interview process and provide investigators the necessary tools to document critical interviews and present that evidence in a court of law.

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

This will provide for better evidence in criminal prosecutions.

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

This bill continues to address Public Safety in the city and provides better tools for the Department to arrest and prosecute criminals.

#### Financial Impact

Cost (Initial and ongoing)

All costs for equipment and installation are paid out of grant funds. Maintenance of the equipment after the warranty expires is covered in the normal budget cycle and is accounted for.

Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Increased Public Safety through better documentation and presentation of evidence in criminal court.

#### Funding Sources

Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around.

\$36,744 Federal Grant to pay for entire project. No match required

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

Why should Council unanimously support this bill

Increased Public Safety through better documentation and presentation of evidence in criminal court.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 19th and signed by the Mayor on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*Michael P. Hall*

CITY CLERK