

ORDINANCE NO. 14977

FILE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.10 - 2012

March 7, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred-Fifty (\$29,250.00) Dollars from the General Miscellaneous Account (000-6170) recognizing a reimbursement of funds from PEMA and a into an equipment account in Program 2 in the Fire Department for the purchase of software to upgrade the Department's Record Management System and bring them into compliance with both State and Federal reporting systems

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 General Fund in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred-Fifty (\$29,250.00) Dollars as a result of a reimbursement from PEMA in the General Miscellaneous Account (000-6170)

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a transfer from the General Miscellaneous Account to the Equipment Account in the Bureau of Fire:

000-05-0803-0072	\$29,250
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Mike Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 4, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on April 17, 2012.

Michael T. Heuler

CITY CLERK

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

Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Increase the Fire Department Budget, Equipment Account 000-05-0803-0072 by \$29,250.00 from the General Misc. Account 000-6170. for the purchase of EMBERS a complete incident reporting and records management system.

- **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 allow for the purchase of software to upgrade the Fire Departments Record Management System and take the Fire department off the antiquated city system and bring them into compliance with both State and Federal reporting systems.

Benefits:

Gives the Fire Department a complete records management system to include incident reporting, Investigations, inspections, training, permits, vehicles, equipment inventories, fatalities and Injuries.

Will allow the Fire Department to retrieve instant data needed to complete both Federal and State grants, saving both time and man hours on manual data search.

Will keep the City of Allentown compliant with State and Federal reporting standards

Will keep the City of Allentown eligible for State and Federal funding

Allows the Communication Center to deal with one intergraded system for both Police and Fire through one vendor. Also allows for future expansion.

Removes Fire from the antiquated city system, freeing up the Cities IT Department from constant repair and maintenance.

Will allow the Fire Department to complete only one incident report as opposed to the two reports currently being generated, saving time and man hours on report writing.

Will bring the Fire Department into the 21st century with respect to records management

Down Side: we see no down side to the upgrade.

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

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The initial cost will be \$36,000

Ongoing cost will be yearly service and maintenance, approximately \$8,000.00 per year.

Note: The original cost of this system is \$70,000.00. The vendor is discounting the cost by 34,000 because the city is a current customer and already has some of the hardware in place.

- **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.**

\$29,250 is reimbursement funds through PEMA

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

As Soon As Possible, we would like to avoid paying unnecessary service and maintenance charges to the current reporting system vendor for 2012.

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

For all the reasons stated above