

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-083**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-053, PASSED ON MARCH 14, 2022; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7) FORD POLICE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES FROM MONTROSE FORD OF AKRON, OHIO, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, a determination was made by the Police Chief and Fleet Maintenance Foreman that there is a need to replace three (3) police vehicles that have exceeded their useful life for the Sandusky Police Department and these vehicles will be placed in other City Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Commission authorized the purchase of three (3) Ford Police Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program from Montrose Ford of Akron, Ohio, for the Police Department by Ordinance No. 22-053, passed on March 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to placing the order for the vehicles, Ford halted all production of their Police SUV's due to industry issues with materials, resulting in Montrose Ford's contract price expiring and not being able to supply the vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford has restarted production of the Police SUVs but they are no longer available through the State's cooperative purchasing programs, prompting the City to issue a Request for Proposals for the replacement of the three (3) SUVs previously ordered in 2022 and four (4) SUVs for 2023 for a total of (7) Police SUVs; and

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on February 17, 2023, for pricing on 2023 Ford Utility Police SUV Cruisers in which one (1) proposal was received and evaluated by a selection committee and based upon vehicle specifications, delivery and cost, the proposal from Montrose Ford of Akron, Ohio, was selected as lowest and best; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost for seven (7) Ford Police Sport Utility Vehicles is \$288,930.88 and will be paid with Capital Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter to allow the order to be placed, receive the vehicles, and place in service at the earliest opportunity to continue effective operations of the Police fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, including the Police Department, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby repeals Ordinance No. 22-053, passed on March 14, 2022.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to purchase seven (7) new 2023 Ford Police Sport Utility Vehicles from Montrose Ford of Akron, Ohio, at an amount **not to exceed** Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 88/100 Dollars (\$288,930.88).

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: March 27, 2023