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**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** April 20, 2012

**RE:** Authorize the purchase of 3 Police Vehicles from Garber Fleet Sales for a total cost of \$77,006.00

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**Action Statement:**

Authorize the purchase of (3) Police Vehicles at a total cost of \$77,006.00 from Garber Fleet Sales, pursuant to City of Jacksonville Bid # SC-0288-12. This purchase is authorized through City Ordinance Section 2-797(3). Authorize a budget amendment of \$77,006.00 from 001-2101-521.12 (Regular Salaries) to 101-2101-521.64 (Infrastructure Surtax Police Department Machinery and Equipment).

**Background:**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the City of Jacksonville, Florida published an invitation to bid for Police Vehicles. On November 3, 2011 the City of Jacksonville, after a competitive process, selected Garber Fleet Sales to provide police Ford Sedan Police Interceptors to their city. The City of Jacksonville has extended cooperative purchasing to other government agencies in section 10, General Conditions of the attached City of Jacksonville solicitation. The cooperative purchasing language specifically allows for the bidder to “make his bid available to all City agencies and departments, bi-City agencies, in-City fire departments and municipalities, the bid process he submits in accordance with the bid terms and conditions, should any said department or agency wish to buy under this bid proposal”.

While the options requested by the Key West Police Department were not included in the City Of Jacksonville solicitation, a comparison of the cost of these options between the Garber Fleet quote, the State of Florida Contract and Florida Sheriff’s Association bid resulted in the Garber quote coming in lower than the unit pricing in the Florida State Contract or the Florida Sheriff’s bid.

The Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology develop equipment standards based on laboratory evaluation of commercially available



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products. Police vehicles are part of the equipment tested annually by the State of Michigan Department of State Police. A comprehensive evaluation is completed on the vehicles that meet the standards established by OLES. The 2013 Police Ford Interceptor meets the OLES standards.

As in previous years, the use of Ford Crown Victoria police interceptor package has proven to be reliable and mechanically superior to the older Chevy Impalas still in use by the department. The 2013 Interceptor is a brand new platform designed to replace the existing Crown Victoria. As with the Crown Victoria, this vehicle is designed specifically to meet the needs of police road patrol duties and is expected to perform well in all categories.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, 5 star NHSTA frontal crash test rating, fail safe cooling systems, electrical and ergonomic improvements to the new platform, dealer relationship, city maintenance history on the Crown Victoria and the manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor.

**Purpose and Justification:**

These three (3) police vehicles will replace two marked patrol police vehicles and one detective police vehicle that were totaled in car accidents this fiscal year.

Two (2) vehicles will be marked patrol units and assigned to the Patrol Division. One (1) vehicle will be unmarked and assigned to the Detective Division.

Vehicle Specifications and cost are as follows:

(2) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor (marked with light bar), Front wheel drive, \$25,813.00 per vehicle for a total cost of \$51,626.00.

(1) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor (unmarked, no light bar), Front wheel drive, \$25,380.00

See attached City of Jacksonville Bid specifications #SC-0288-12 and quotes.

**Financial Impact:**

The insurance reimbursement is unknown at this time. However, due to personnel vacancies in the first half of this fiscal year we have sufficient funds to transfer from regular salaries to capital machinery and equipment.



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