

## **MUNICIPAL ORDER 28-2021**

**A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE TOTAL COST OF \$307,952.60, EXPENDED TO PURCHASE SEVENTY-NINE (79) BODY-WORN CAMERAS, THAT AMOUNT BEING \$153,976.30.**

**WHEREAS**, the Owensboro Police Department desires to purchase seventy-nine (79) body-worn cameras for use by its officers in order to promote accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has established a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies initiative designed to provide critical resources to law enforcement jurisdictions for the purpose of purchasing body-worn cameras for sworn law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the BWC Program is to reimburse states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions that employ law enforcement officers for up to fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of body-worn cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Owensboro Police Department requests to purchase seventy-nine (79) body-worn cameras for a cost totaling \$307,952.60, with a fifty (50%) grant reimbursement of \$153,976.30.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO,  
KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute a United States Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Application through the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies for the purchase of seventy-nine (79) body-worn cameras for a cost totaling \$307,952.60, with a fifty percent (50%) grant reimbursement approximate amount of \$153,976.30.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor, City Manager, and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents deemed necessary to the furtherance of the authority outlined herein.

**INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ, AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE  
READING,** this the 6th day of July, 2021.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk