

MUNICIPAL ORDER 3-2025

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS FUNDING GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A NEW X-RAY MACHINE WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE HAZARDOUS DEVICE UNIT, FOR WHICH NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) contains a Hazardous Device Unit (Bomb Squad); and

WHEREAS, bomb squads nationwide are trained to prepare and mitigate for the protection of their community's soft targets such as schools, hospitals, outdoor events, sporting events, and other relatively low security venues, regardless of city size; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Bomb Squad encompasses the Green River Area Development District and five (5) surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the use of x-ray technology for the rapid prosecution of potential threats during events is paramount to the success of the readiness mission of bomb squads and is integral to ensuring fast resolution of potential explosive threats to prevent loss of life and community disruption; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new x-ray machine with hardware and software for the Hazardous Device Unit will further advance the Owensboro Police Department's goal of providing a safer community for all citizens, as well as the five (5) surrounding counties.

**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 grant application to be filed with the Project Safe Neighborhoods Funding grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$30,000.00, to purchase a new x-ray machine with hardware and software for the Hazardous Device Unit, for which no match is required from the City.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Manager and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all other agreements, instruments or documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate and implement any grants awarded to the City.

**INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE
READING,** this the 18th day of February, 2025.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk