

Ordinance No. 105-2026

**By Council Members Polensek and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more various written standard and requirement contracts, and for professional services with Digital Intelligence, Inc., Cellebrite Inc., and Magnet Forensics, LLC, for the purchase of various types of digital forensic equipment and services and for related professional services, including the acquisition of licenses, if needed, for the Digital Forensics Unit, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a term of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, Federal law enforcement agencies (“Federal Partners”) currently use digital forensic equipment and services provided by Digital Intelligence, Inc., Cellebrite Inc., and Magnet Forensics, LLC (collectively, “Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet”), for law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Partners have been providing the same equipment and services to the City for use by the Division of Police Digital Forensics Unit (the “Digital Forensics Unit”) so that both the City and the Federal Partners have identical, compatible equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Partners are scheduled to cease providing the Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet equipment and services to the City; however, the City desires to continue the use of Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet equipment and services as necessary for public safety; and

WHEREAS, because the equipment and services provided by our Federal Partners are critical to the operations of the Digital Forensic Unit, the City desires that the Digital Forensics Unit continue using Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet equipment and services, thus ensuring a seamless transition and avoid compatibility issues if the City had to switch to different equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council determines that the digital forensic equipment and services provided by Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet cannot be secured from any source other than Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet. The Director of Public Safety is

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authorized to make one or more written standard purchase contract and written requirement contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, with Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet for such equipment and services, for a period not to exceed a term of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety, to be purchased by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies on a unit basis, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet for any related professional services which are needed to implement this ordinance, including the acquisition of licenses, which may include applicable subscription and service fees, if necessary, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a term of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

Section 3. That the anticipated equipment and services to be provided by Digital, Cellebrite, and Magnet are identified in File No. **105-2026-A**, and are currently estimated at \$310,000.00.

Section 4. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to enter into any third-party software license agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 5. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the purchases and/or services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Safety may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases and/or obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors and/or consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 6. That the costs of the contract(s) authorized by this ordinance may be paid from Fund No. 01-6002-6970, 20 SF 701 and 20 SF 728 and shall also be charged against the proper appropriation account(s), and the Director of Finance shall

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certify the amount of any purchase under the contract(s), each of which purchase(s) shall be made on order of the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies by a delivery order issued against the contract(s) and certified by the Director of Finance. (RQN 6002, RL 2026-3)

Section 7. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Drummond

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READ FIRST TIME on FEBRUARY 2, 2026

and referred to DIRECTORS of Public Safety, Finance, Law; COMMITTEES on Safety, Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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