

Summary for Council
Department of Public Safety

Ordinance No.: 105-2026

Legislative Purpose: 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., Cellbrite Inc., and Magnet Forensics 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

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The digital forensic equipment and services are for use by the Digital Forensics Unit of the Cleveland Division of Police. These digital forensic services were previously provided by our Federal partners. The Division of Police worked closely with the City's Office of Information Technology & Services and our Federal partners in determining the equipment that is most suitable for the needs of the Digital Forensics Unit. This equipment has been vetted and is currently used by our Federal partners and the Division of Police has previously received training on this equipment. This legislation would authorize contracts with Digital Intelligence, Inc.; Cellbrite Inc.; and Magnet Forensics; as well as authorize purchasing through cooperative agreements. This equipment is critical to the operations of the Police Digital Forensics Unit. These vendors provide the specific equipment identified as the most suitable for the Units needs.

The total cost of the purchase of this equipment is estimated to be \$310,000 and will be funded through a 2025 general obligation bonds capital project and additional operating funds.