

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 77-14**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT
THROUGH AN APPLICATION FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERA
GRANT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST FOR THE
FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by: Mayor Jacqueline Goodall

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2015 the Local Government Insurance Trust (“LGIT”) is funding a special equipment grant to help its member law enforcement agencies purchase officer worn body cameras; and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras (“BWC’s”) by criminal justice practitioners is rapidly becoming standard service equipment for many law enforcement agencies across the nation, and LGIT believes using this type of device could have a direct impact on law enforcement liability; and

WHEREAS, to help its members purchase this equipment, the LGIT Board of Trustee’s has authorized grant funding and grants to be reviewed by LGIT’s Risk Management Committee to provide a 50% matching grant for a member police agency to purchase cameras of their choice; however, no single grant request to a municipality can exceed \$2,500 and grant requests are further limited to one member police agency per fiscal year, whereby grants will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis as long as funding is available; and

WHEREAS, Forest Heights Police Department has elected to purchase the Duty VUE Trooper 32/64 based on their research and department needs at a cost of \$499 per unit, and further recommends that the Town adopt a Law Enforcement Body Camera Policy or directive; and

WHEREAS, the next grant cycle is the winter cycle with a submission deadline to LGIT of January 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice and the U.S. Department of Justice have prepared a Market Survey Report, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, regarding commercial BWC’s to aid police agencies in considering the procurement and implementation of BWC technology for their officers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees to authorize and allow for the application and acceptance of a Law Enforcement Body Camera Grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust for the Forest Heights Police Department (“FHPD”) in any amount up to the maximum of \$2,500.00 for FY2015 to be applied for during said winter grant cycle;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Law Enforcement Body Camera Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2015, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2, shall be completed by the FHPD Chief of Police or his designee by said deadline and forwarded to the Town Administrator for review and submission to said Risk Management Committee pursuant to this Resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FHPD is hereby authorized to expend as the Town's 50% match, a sum of no more than \$2,000.00;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenditures for any BWC's procured under this Resolution shall be allocated to line item #7175 (description: Surveillance Camera) of the FY2015 Budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to deployment and usage of any BWC's by the FHPD, the Chief of Police shall promulgate and issue a Law Enforcement Body Camera Policy, general order or other directive that is legally sufficient and submitted to the Mayor and Council for review;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED this 19th day of November, 2014.

ATTEST:

Signature on File

Bonita C. Anderson, Town Clerk

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Signature on File

By: _____
Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor

Signature on File

By: _____
Cynthia Mann, Council President

ROLL CALL VOTE

GOODALL

KENNEDY II

STONER

BARNES

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

YEA

PASSED

ABSENT

YEA

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MUHAMMAD	<u>YEA</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MANN	<u>YEA</u>

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 19nd day of November 2014 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay, constituting at least a four (4) vote majority, the aforesaid Resolution 77-14 passed.

Signature on File

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT I (Body-Worn Cameras for Criminal Justice: Market Survey)

EXHIBIT 2 (Law Enforcement Body Camera Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2015)