

1 **BILL NO. S-15-02-04**

2 **SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. S-_____**

3 **AN ORDINANCE** approving the awarding of
4 **AIRCARD SERVICE FOR FORT WAYNE POLICE**
5 **DEPARTMENT SQUAD CARS** by the City of Fort
6 Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Department of
Purchasing and VERIZON WIRELESS for the
FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL**
8 **OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA;**

9 **SECTION 1.** That AIRCARD SERVICE FOR FORT WAYNE POLICE
10 DEPARTMENT SQUAD CARS between the City of Fort Wayne, by and
11 through its Department of Purchasing and VERIZON WIRELESS for the
12 FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT, respectfully for:

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14 AIR CARD SERVICE DURING 2015 FOR THE FORT WAYNE
15 POLICE DEPARTMENT;

16 involving a total cost of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND
17 00/100 DOLLARS - (\$146,000.00) all as more particularly set forth in said
18 AIRCARD SERVICE FOR FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT SQUAD
19 CARS which is on file in the Office of the Department of Purchasing, and is by
20 reference incorporated herein, made a part hereof, and is hereby in all things
21 ratified, confirmed and approved.
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2 **SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect
3 from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.
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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

Police Department • Gary A. Hamilton, Police Chief

January 26, 2015

To All City Council Members:

The Fort Wayne Police Department continues to use aircards in our vehicles to wirelessly connect our mobile data computers to the department's information database and computer-aided dispatch center. Each car has a unique aircard and there is a monthly subscription fee per card. In 2015 we will be increasing our number of aircards to include the 61st recruit class once they are off of supervised FTO status in November 2015.

The aircard service is a significant improvement over the previous modem-based/ hot-spot technology. The aircard service provides increased reliability and faster transaction speeds, thereby allowing us to increase the amount of information we can push out to the squad cars. Many of the speed and connectivity issues that were problematic with hot-spot technology have been eliminated.

Officers utilize their mobile car-mounted computers to receive dispatch information, to perform various database inquiries, and to prepare reports that can be electronically routed to the central information repository and to other support agencies. By performing these tasks from their squad car, the officers can minimize their out-of-service time and be available for increased pro-active patrol and follow-up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell P. York", is written over a horizontal line.

Russell P. York

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