



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2019

Re: Memorandum of Understanding between Ring, LLC. and the City of Columbia Police Department.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Ring, LLC allowing the Columbia Police Department access to the "Neighbors Portal" which communicates directly with community members who have downloaded and utilize the "Neighbors App" on their cellular devices.

Discussion

Through a written and signed agreement, this will enhance the Columbia Police Department's ability to directly communicate to all citizens in all neighborhoods throughout the city (should they choose to participate) in a timely manner. Though not monitored continually, routine checks on the Neighbors Portal application compliments CPD's efforts in establishing our Community Policing foundation.

This MOU is not meant to replace any current form of crime reporting nor responding to calls for service. It allows CPD to engage community members, who are willing to participate in obtaining any information be it text, images, or video of incidents that are occurring in their respective neighborhoods, and to continue a direct dialogue.

This also allows CPD, in return, to advise community members of information that is obtained, which is specific to their neighborhood with regards to community safety. The software used by community members is the "Neighbors App" and can be downloaded by any community member on any iOS or Android device. These services are free of charge to both the community members who use the "Neighbors App", and CPD who would utilize the "Neighbors Portal" to communicate.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There are no cost associated with this MOU.

Long-Term Impact: There are no cost anticipated beyond year two.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| NA | NA |

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, staff recommends passage of the resolution allowing City Manager to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Ring, LLC, allowing Columbia Police Department access to "Neighbors Portal" cellular application.