

## Legislation Text

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### CATS Paratransit Replacement Parts

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer Ford parts from a cooperative purchasing contract,**
- B. Approve a unit price contract with Ford Motor Company for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer Ford parts for a term of four years under cooperative purchasing contract, Sourcewell Contract 101520-FMC, December 2, 2020, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for additional terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contract.**

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#### **Explanation**

- Charlotte Area Transit System is responsible for the Paratransit fleet maintenance consisting of 85 buses.
- This contract will provide parts for the maintenance of the Ford Paratransit bus fleet.
- NC General Statute 143-129(e)(3) allows local governments to purchase from formally organized cooperative purchasing contracts.
- A Cooperative purchasing agreement allows the city to collaborate with multiple public agencies for a competitive solicitation to combine purchasing power. By aggregating common needs, the cooperative can leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, and improve terms and conditions while reducing administrative costs. Additionally, the cooperative will have access to professional and technical expertise.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$200,000.

#### **Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a cooperative purchasing contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: CATS Operating Budget