



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
September 14, 2021
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

5:50 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (DA Auto Theft Position).

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.

Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE To add new Auto Theft position to Luzerne County District Attorney's General Fund budget.	COUNCIL MEETING DATE 08/10/2021	AGENDA NUMBER
Dept: Luzerne County District Attorney		
Contact: Sam Sanguedolce		
Phone: 570-825-1676		

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The District Attorney recommends that Luzerne County Council approve the funding that is needed to accurately show the new position of Auto Theft Officer to the General Fund budget lines.

SUMMARY:

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increase in funding from Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority to fully fund this position.

FINANCING:

The District Attorney's Office was awarded \$109,000 for all expense for September 2021- September 2022. The salary yearly is \$47,458-\$50,000. The budget amendment is needed for the salary, benefits and expenses for the remainder of 2021.

Salary	\$ 65,000.00
Benefits	\$ 25,000.00
Overtime	\$ 9,000.00
Training/Travel	\$ 1,000.00
Cellular Phone	\$ 750.00
Vehicle Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Vehicle Lease	\$ 7,200.00
Total	\$ 109,450.00

DISCUSSION:

The funding is necessary to support this new position. The position is fully funded by the grant and has no general fund cost. The position entitles for detailed investigations of cargo theft, organized automobile theft and vehicle related insurance fraud.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Luzerne County Council may choose not to approve however; this is not recommended.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

No. 2021-
ORDINANCE

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office received grant funding from Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority to add an Auto Theft Officer position which includes salary, benefits and expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10 of the Home Rule Charter States County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an administrative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the position budget and General Fund budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds to the 2021 Fiscal Year budget.

WHEREAS, therefore, the following is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety

SECTION TWO. Amendment of line in budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____ County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2021 fiscal year budget in order to account for receipt of funds from Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority in the General Fund budget.

REVENUES:

District Attorney General Fund Revenues increased by \$36,483

EXPENDITURES:

District Attorney General Fund Salary and Expenses shall be increased by 36,483

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other items in the 2021 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Lawrence,

Clerk to County Council

Chris Perry, Vice-Chair