

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN EXCEPTION
TO FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES AND APPROVING
THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
A MAIN ROTOR GEARBOX OVERHAUL FOR N524MW
AIRBUS EC120 HELICOPTER FOR THE FRESNO POLICE
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fresno Police Department currently operates two EC120 Colibri
helicopters to conduct airborne law enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, the EC120 helicopters were originally manufactured by American
Eurocopter, now known as Airbus Helicopters, Inc., which discontinued production of the
EC120 in 2017 and shifted production priorities to the Airbus H125 helicopter; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fresno purchased the second EC120 helicopter new and
directly from American Eurocopter in 2005. The helicopter is registered with the Federal
Aviation Administration as N524MW and has more than 14,300 flight hours on it. The
helicopter has been maintained in an air-worthy condition and has served the citizens of
Fresno well for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the FAA requires all operating aircraft to maintain "airworthy"
certification to confirm safe and legal operation of the aircraft. Airworthy Directives (ADs),
the manufactures maintenance manual, and the FAA regulate the requirements for
airworthy certification; and

WHEREAS, Airbus Helicopters Inc, Airbus certified service centers, or other third-
party vendors are used for complex repairs requiring specialized tools or expertise.
Except for the engine, Airbus Helicopters Inc. overhauls all major components; and

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City Attorney Approval: 

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WHEREAS, Airbus Helicopters, Inc. is the only manufacturer of the EC120; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the overhauled Main Rotor Gearbox Main Module on the Airbus EC120 helicopter N524MW is available in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council has received and considered the report and recommendations of City staff.

2. The Council finds it is proper to dispense with the competitive bidding requirements and approve Airbus Helicopters, Inc. as the sole source vendor for the purchase of the overhauled Main Rotor Gearbox Main Module for Airbus EC120 helicopter N524MW.

3. The purchase of one overhauled Main Rotor Gearbox Main Module will replace the one that has exceeded the allotted flight time hours, ensuring continued airborne law enforcement operations with improved efficiency and capabilities.

4. The Chief of Police or designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to enter into an agreement with Airbus Helicopters, Inc. for the purchase of one overhauled Main Rotor Gearbox Main Module, to which the total price shall not exceed \$200,000.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, AMY K. ALLER, Interim City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2025
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2025
Mayor Veto: _____, 2025
Council Override Vote: _____, 2025

AMY K. ALLER
Interim City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy _____ Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Jennifer M. Wharton _____ Date
Deputy City Attorney