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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- 1 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to disapprove proposed
2 contract No. CW128791 with HME, Inc. to provide a minimum of one and a maximum
3 of 24 pumpers for the Apparatus Division of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services
4 Department.
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
7 resolution may be cited as the “Proposed Contract No. CW128791 with HME, Inc. Disapproval
8 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

9 Sec. 2. (a) On March 17, 2026, the Mayor transmitted proposed definitive Contract No.
10 CW128791 with HME, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,502,456 to provide 18 pumpers
11 for the Apparatus Division of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

12 (b) This contract would be the first contract that DC Fire and Emergency Medical
13 Services has held with HME, Inc. Due to the contracting structure for many fire departments
14 nationwide, this contract was decided upon via a cooperative agreement, not a traditional bid
15 system. While the cooperative agreement model is effective for efficient ordering timelines, DC
16 Fire and EMS should use caution when making purchases from manufacturers for the first time
17 and avoid bulk orders from vendors that are new to the District.

18 (c) In fact, the BDA Global report from 2020, which analyzed the current operations of
19 the Apparatus Division, made it clear that bulk orders such as this order of 18 pumpers from
20 HME, Inc., are not best practice. The report states that “[d]elays in apparatus procurement can be
21 so lengthy that they can result in multi-year impacts. That includes years when the Department
22 does not receive enough new apparatus followed by years when the Department receives too
23 much new apparatus. The latter situation causes many, if not more, problems than the former.
24 When too much new apparatus is received, a ‘bubble’ is created which results in too much
25 apparatus moving into reserve status, and then too much apparatus needing to be replaced at one
26 time when the newly acquired units reach the end of their service life. This creates strains on the
27 budget. The far better option is to ensure that apparatus moves steadily through its lifecycle in
28 even and predictable numbers – this makes budgeting, apparatus preparation, and apparatus
29 maintenance considerably easier to do.”

30 (d) The Executive has failed to provide sufficient reasoning as to why the Department
31 needed to make a bulk order of 18 pumpers from a manufacturer who they have never worked
32 with.

33 (e) Emergency legislation is necessary to act on this contract because it will be deemed
34 approved on March 28, 2026.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
37 Proposed Contract with HME, Inc. Emergency Disapproval Resolution of 2026 be adopted on an
38 emergency basis.

39 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.