



EDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

REQUEST TO UTILIZE POLICE IMPACT FEES FOR REFURBISHMENT OF SUPPORT KITCHEN TRAILER

The police department is requesting approval of a budget amendment to utilize police impact fees for the refurbishment and upfitting of a 28-foot Cargo Express concession trailer previously donated to the Edgewater Police Department by Dustin's BBQ. The refurbishment proposal totals approximately \$27,420, with additional equipment purchases required to complete the trailer as a fully functional, self-sustaining mobile support kitchen unit.

Although the trailer was donated, it currently does not meet operational, safety, or functional standards necessary for deployment. The proposed refurbishment scope includes exterior and interior restoration, environmental systems, safety equipment, and structural improvements necessary to return the unit to like-new, capital-grade condition, as detailed in the attached proposal.

Upon completion, the trailer will have a multi-year service life consistent with capital asset classification.

Operational Need Driven by Growth

As the City of Edgewater continues to experience population growth, special events, emergency response demands, and regional mutual aid obligations have increased accordingly. The Police Department's operational footprint now extends beyond traditional patrol and enforcement functions to include large-scale public safety support, sustained operations during natural disasters, and extended deployments during mutual aid missions.

The refurbished trailer will serve as a mobile logistical support asset, enabling the Police Department to:

- Support sworn and civilian personnel during prolonged operations tied directly to growth (special events, population-driven call volume, disaster response).
- Maintain officer readiness and operational endurance during extended incidents.
- Deploy as part of regional mutual aid operations where Edgewater personnel are required to be self-sufficient.

This capability did not previously exist within the department and is now necessary to maintain acceptable levels of service as operational demands increase.

Capital Equipment and Kitchen Upfitting

To function as a self-sustaining unit, the trailer must be equipped as a full-service mobile kitchen, including the following capital equipment:

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| • Double Full-Size Electric Convection Oven: | \$4,689 |
| • Countertop Electric Fryer (2 × 16 lb vats): | \$1,410 |
| • 48" Electric Griddle with Thermostatic Controls (1" steel plate): | \$3,882 |
| • (2) 54" Two-Section Reach-In Refrigerators: | \$2,219 |
| • Full-Height Mobile Heated Cabinet: | \$1,987 |

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- (6) Countertop Wet Food Warmers (full-size pan wells): \$1,024
- Miscellaneous commercial cooking equipment: \$2,500

These components are durable, long-life assets that collectively establish new operational capacity. The trailer will be used locally for City-sponsored events, staff and guest support, emergency feeding during natural disasters, and deployment with the Police Department on mutual aid missions as a self-contained operational support platform.

Impact Fee Eligibility and Statutory Justification

Florida law authorizes the use of police impact fees for capital facilities and equipment required to serve new growth and to maintain adopted levels of service. This request satisfies statutory requirements for impact fee usage:

- **Rational Nexus:** The increased need for sustained operations, disaster response, and event-related deployments is directly attributable to population growth and increased service demand.
- **Proportionality:** The scope and cost of the refurbishment and equipment are proportionate to the additional operational capacity required to support growth-related policing demands.
- **Capital Purpose:** The trailer refurbishment and kitchen equipment constitute capital assets with extended service lives and are not routine operating expenses.
- **New Capacity Creation:** This project creates a new functional unit and operational capability that did not previously exist within the Police Department.

While the trailer was acquired through donation, the capital investment to refurbish and upfit the unit is what enables it to function as growth-related police infrastructure, consistent with the intent and limitations of police impact fee expenditures.

Conclusion

Approval of this budget amendment allows the City to responsibly leverage a donated asset to create a new, growth-driven operational capability for the Police Department. The combined cost of the trailer refurbishment (approximately \$27,420) and the acquisition of commercial kitchen and support equipment (approximately \$21,771) results in a total project cost not to exceed \$49,131.

Utilizing police impact fees for this project is fiscally prudent, statutorily compliant, and directly aligned with the City's obligation to expand public safety infrastructure and maintain adopted levels of service as Edgewater continues to grow. The completed unit will provide long-term operational value by supporting officers, staff, and the community during large-scale events, emergency operations, and mutual aid deployments.