

## TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD CLARIFYING  
SPENDING AUTHORITY UNDER THE CHARTER AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY RESTRICTED BUDGET**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 402.18. Finances. Bestows on the Council the authority to “levy, assess, and collect ad valorem property taxes; to expend municipal funds for any public purpose; to have general management and control of the finances of the Town.”

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 6. Finance Section 604.0. Appropriations—Approval - “No public money may be expended without having been approved and appropriated by the Council.”

**WHEREAS**, It has been the interpretation and practice of previous administrations that all expenditures must be approved by the Council.

**WHEREAS**, Section 606.0. Over-Expenditure Forbidden “No officer or employee shall during any budget year expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose, in excess of the amount appropriated...”

**WHEREAS**, According to the Chapter 500 of the Speed Monitoring Systems State Law states that a municipality “may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes..” and as such these funds are restricted to public safety.

**WHEREAS**, funds for purchases related to the Brentwood Police Department were expended without council approval and in excess of the amount appropriated in the FY 14 budget.

**NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD  
THAT:**

**Section One:** There shall be no expenditure of funds without Council approval.

**Section Two:** The Mayor and Council reaffirms that all expenditures of funds must follow the Purchase Order Policy.

**Section Three:** In accordance with the Purchase Order Policy, all expenditures greater than \$500.00 require the signed approval and consent of the majority Council prior to the finalization of the purchase order and the purchase of the items or materials.

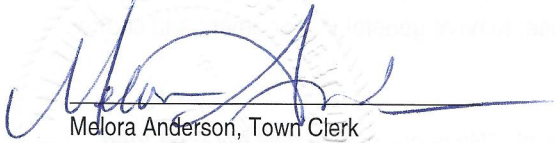
**Section Four:** No expenditures from the restricted Public Safety Fund shall occur without prior Council approval for the expenditure of such funds.

**Section Five:** No funds shall be expended in excess of the amount appropriated, without Council approval and the approval of a line item transfer to cover the costs of such funds.

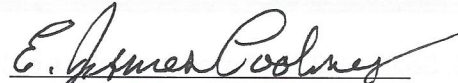
**Section Six: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.**

ATTEST:



Melora Anderson, Town Clerk



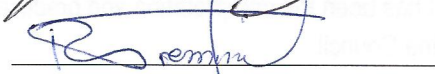
E. James Cooksey, Mayor



Jason Barnett, Council Member



Jennifer L. Murphy, Council Member



Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Council Member