

**TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2679.20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (“LETF”) MONIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND INITIAL PURCHASE OF IN VEHICLE PRINTERS FOR TICKET AND REPORT WRITING SYSTEM; PURCHASE OF PORTABLE TABLETS FOR SAME SYSTEM; ACCESSORIES ALL TO BE USED BY THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida (the “Town”) wishes to use Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) monies to provide for Vehicle Printers, Portable Tablets and Accessories; and

**WHEREAS**, it is requested that the Town authorize the expenditure of LETF monies in an amount not to exceed of \$21,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s LETF account includes assets forfeited to the Town by authority of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act and by the Federal Asset Forfeiture Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to utilize LETF funds to pay for the Printers, Portable Tables, Accessories; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies contained in the LETF are the result of seized assets from both investigations by the Town’s Police Department and joint investigations with other law enforcement agencies – not from tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has recommended that the \$21,000.00 cost be taken from the Town's LETF for "***other law enforcement purposes***" specifically authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police certifies that this expenditure complies with § 932.7055, Florida Statutes, and / or the Federal Seizure statutes in that the funds will be used for an appropriate law enforcement purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF is not being used as a normal source of revenue for the Town Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF was not considered in the adoption and approval of the Police Department budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to proceed as indicated in this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

**Section 2. The Printers and Associated Costs Use of LETF Authorized.** That the use of LETF funds to purchase printers, portable tables and accessories is hereby authorized and approved.

**Section 3. Implementation.** That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by the **Town Administration.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Mendal, seconded by Councilmember Lusskin and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:

  
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LISSETTE PEREZ  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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STEPHEN J. HELFMAN  
TOWN ATTORNEY



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** June 16, 2020

**To:** Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &  
Town Council Members

**From:** Alexander Diaz,  
Town Manager

Item Number:

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**Subject: Resolution No. 2679.20- Authorizing the Use of LETF Monies Assets to Provide for the Purchase of Vehicle Printers, Portable Tablets and Accessories for Police Officers.**

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### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2679.20 as presented.

### **Background:**

The Administration is seeking authorization to use Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) monies to provide for Vehicle Printers, Portable Tablets and Accessories, which will allow Officers to issue electronic citations. The implementation of an electronic citation and report writing system reduces the chances of errors and increases productivity. This new program will be implemented at the discretion of the Chief of Police and the Town Manger. It is requested that the Town authorize the expenditure of LETF monies in the amount of \$21,000.00 to provide the necessary equipment to Golden Beach Police Department.

**Federally Seized Assets:** At the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute: 18 U.S.C. Section 981 (e)(2), and 21 U.S.C. Section 881 (e)(1)(A) and (e)(3)(b), the Golden Beach Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of legal proceedings. These shares are deposited in the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund account.

The U.S. Department of Justice publication titled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*" specifically provides that the equitably shared forfeited asset funds resulting from the participation of a local agency in investigations with Federal law enforcement agencies may be utilized by the participating local agency for law enforcement for Community Policing Initiatives and Awareness Programs.

**State Seized Assets:** Under Florida State Statute (FSS) 932.7055, the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, the Golden Beach Police Department lawfully receives equitable share(s) of State seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings involving the regional task force.

LETF for In-Vehicle Printers for Ticket Writing System

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The Town uses both the federally seized and the State seized funds to increase crime prevention efforts, and to also enhance the quality of police services for Town residents without increasing the Town's budget. The attached item meets the requirements of the Federal and/or State Statute requirements, and funding is requested.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$21,000.00 coming from the LETF fund.

**Attachments:** Agenda Item Resolution