



RESOLUTION NO. 2001-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING  
PURCHASE OF 22 PORTABLE TIRE DEFLATION DEVICES  
USING STATE VEHICLE THEFT FUNDING

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized throughout the law enforcement community that portable tire deflation devices can be invaluable in ending vehicle pursuits, thereby reducing the risk of injury and death to the public and involved officers, and increasing the likelihood of apprehending serious offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Police Department has been equipped with two early model "spike strips" for a number of years, but their usefulness has been limited because of the difficulty in predicting a pursuit's path in an urban area, reducing the chances that one of the two strips could be deployed in the right location; and

WHEREAS, the early model strips also exposed the officer to substantial risk, due to the need to deploy them just prior to the arrival of the suspect vehicle; and

WHEREAS, new generation devices have a remote-controlled "pop-up" mechanism which allows for safe deployment well in advance of the suspect vehicle. The remote feature allows the officer to activate the unit from a place of safety, and then retract the spikes before they are run over by pursuing units; and

WHEREAS, placing one unit in each car would insure that any unit in position to intercept would have the capability to disable the suspect vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the purchase of 22 portable tire deflation devices using existing State Vehicle Theft funding from PMG Manufacturing Group of Wheeling, West Virginia, in the amount of \$13,863.04.

Dated: March 7, 2001

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-54 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 7, 2001, by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

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for SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk