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VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
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Re: Request for Legislation Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Three-Year Service Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Software. For consideration at the October 22, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Planning and Community Development respectfully requests that the Mount Vernon City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute a three-year service agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) under Agreement Quotation # Q-555192. The agreement provides continued technical assistance and subscription access to the City's **Geographic Information System (GIS)** platform, which has become an essential tool for interdepartmental coordination and service delivery.

Since its implementation, the City's GIS platform has supported data-driven decision-making and improved the efficiency and transparency of City operations. The system enables mapping and analysis of critical infrastructure and assets—including sewers, water lines, hydrants, traffic signals, and roadways—and is actively used by multiple departments, including Planning, Public Works, Police, Fire, the Assessor's Office, and the Board of Water Supply.

Examples of Departmental Use and Benefits:

- **Assessor's Office:** Consolidated property data, including ownership, elevator status, and city-owned parcels, improving records management.
- **Board of Water Supply:** Developed a Lead Service Line mapping dashboard to track and share public information.
- **Department of Buildings:** Mapped absentee landlords and multifamily properties to support code enforcement and housing analysis.
- **Department of Public Works:** Created public dashboards and route maps to track resurfacing, sewer repair, and sanitation operations.
- **Planning Department:** Produced maps and analyses for the Comprehensive Plan, zoning updates, and grant applications such as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The public-facing Zoning Finder tool, powered by ArcGIS, now allows residents to easily access zoning information online.





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- **Police Department:** Supports crime analysis and location-based data through integration with the Tyler New World, which requires ArcGIS maps as a foundational element for location information, i.e. the ability to map calls.
 - **Sustainability and Youth Programs:** Used by the Sustainability Office to study urban heat island effects and by the Summer Youth Program to complete the City's first tree inventory.

The ESRI platform has become indispensable to City operations, improving service coordination, transparency, and access to public information for residents.

The proposed renewal extends the existing agreement previously approved by the City Council and will ensure uninterrupted service for the next three years. The annual cost of \$60,300 will be funded through the Department of Planning and Community Development's **Contracted Outside Services budget line 8020.405**. The three-year total is \$180,900.

We respectfully request the City Council's approval of the legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute this renewal agreement with ESRI.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to the people of Mount Vernon.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Comptroller Darren M. Morton
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff

