



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Board of Health to modify by extending the following contract for continued COVID-19 contact tracing.

Emocha Mobile Health -Ordinance 0607-2022 approved the modification extending the contract end date through April 30, 2022. This ordinance will extend those contract services through May 31, 2022.

Due to the immediate nature of the need for contact tracing services, CPH is requesting the waiver of the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 from the Director of the Division of Finance and Management.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact as this is only to extend the contract period. The amount of the contract will remain the same.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify, by extending, the existing contract with Emocha Mobile Health through May 31, 2022; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for continued COVID-19 contact tracing services through May 31, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, expenditures from Health Department Operating Fund to provide continued contact tracing, testing and vaccination services is necessary to address increased needs caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to modify and extend the contract with Emocha Mobile Health for contact tracing services due to the immediate nature of such need, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to modify by extending the contract with Emocha Mobile Health for contact tracing services for the COVID-19 pandemic response through May 31, 2022.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes necessary.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial reports.

**SECTION 4.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.