



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Service to enter into rental agreements with Premier Truck Sales and Rental in the amount of up to \$492,000.00 for the rental of refuse collection trucks to be used by the Division of Refuse Collection.

The Division of Refuse Collection (Division) is responsible for providing weekly refuse collection service to the 344,000 residential units within the City of Columbus. Prior to the COVID pandemic it took nine to twelve months after placement of order to receive a refuse collection truck. The shutdown of many businesses during the pandemic has caused long delivery delays for these trucks. The projected delivery date of replacement trucks previously on order has been delayed by many months, and delivery times for new orders are now running twelve to eighteen months after receipt of order. The Division is experiencing a shortage of refuse collection trucks due to downtime needed for repairs of an aging fleet and the delays in getting replacement vehicles that have been ordered.

It is necessary to immediately rent refuse collection trucks to continue to provide timely refuse collection to the residents of Columbus. This will also allow the Division to be able to collect refuse during the normal work week hours and to avoid routinely scheduling mandatory overtime. The rental of these vehicles is expected to be needed for a year, possibly two, in order to give time for the trucks that have been on order, and for the trucks that are about to be ordered, to be delivered to the City. An assessment of delivery times of the vehicles on order will be made in the spring of 2023. At that time it may be necessary to rent additional trucks to accommodate further deficiencies in the Division fleet due to the ongoing pandemic related production delays.

Searches in the System for Award Management (Federal) and the Findings for Recovery List (State) produced no findings against Premier Truck Sales and Rental.

2. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

A search was made for companies that rented refuse collection trucks. Two companies were found within Ohio that rented the trucks. Of the two companies, Premier Truck Sales and Rental was the only company that had trucks available for rent at this time. The delay associated with the pandemic in getting delivery of new vehicles has caused a shortage of rental vehicles. Taking the time required to do a formal bidding process could result in these vehicles no longer being available and delays in the collection of refuse. A request for waiver of the formal competitive bidding requirements of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 is requested due to the need to quickly secure the needed vehicles to avoid delays in the collection of refuse.

3. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Premier Truck Sales and Rental contract compliance number is CC-040372 and expires 12/9/2023.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this contract will come from the General Fund, Fund 1000. It is necessary to transfer appropriation within the General Fund, Fund 1000.

5. MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

This expenditure is for the rental of refuse trucks. The purchase and rental of specialized equipment is exempt from this program.

6. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so the rental of refuse trucks can occur at the earliest possible time to ensure refuse continues to be collected in a timely manner.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to enter into an agreement with Premier Truck Sales and Rental to rent refuse collection vehicles; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer appropriation with the General Fund, Refuse Collection Division; to waive the competitive bidding requirements of Columbus City Code; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$492,000.00 from the general fund to pay for this rental agreement; and to declare an emergency. (\$492,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service, Division of Refuse Collection, is responsible for providing weekly refuse collection service to the 344,000 residential units within the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic is causing a delay in the manufacture and delivery of new refuse collection trucks; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Refuse Collection is experiencing a shortage of refuse collection trucks due to downtime needed for repairs of an aging fleet and the delays in getting replacement vehicles that have been ordered; and

WHEREAS, a search was made for companies that rented refuse collection trucks; and

WHEREAS, one company, Premier Truck Sales and Rental, was found in Ohio that had refuse collection trucks immediately available to rent; and

WHEREAS, delivery delays of new vehicles caused by the pandemic is causing a shortage of refuse trucks available for rent; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Council to authorize a waiver of the competitive bidding requirements of Columbus City Codes to procure these rental trucks while they are still available to rent; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and rental of specialized equipment is exempt from the Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprise & Small Local Business Enterprise Program; and

WHEREAS, rental contracts will need to be executed with Premier Truck Sales and Rental for the rental of the refuse collection trucks; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to \$492,000.00 will need to be expended to pay for the rental; and

WHEREAS, appropriation will need to be transferred with in the General Fund, Fund 1000 in order to pay for the contract; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into a rental agreement with Premier Truck Sales and Rental to avoid delays in the collection of refuse, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Service is authorized to enter into a rental agreement with Premier Truck Sales and Rental, Inc., 7700 Wall Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44125, for the rental of refuse collection

vehicles in an amount up to \$492,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$192,000.00 of appropriation within Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 5902 (Refuse Collection), from Object Class 01 (Personnel), Main Account 61101, to Object Class 03 (Services), Main Account 63320, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of City Code Chapter 329.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$492,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 5902 (Refuse Collection), in Object Class 03 (Purchased Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. That for the 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.