

**SECTION 1.** That the existing Section 215.01 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**215.01 - Department of development established.**

There is established a department of development. The department of development shall consist of a director, department deputy directors and the following divisions: economic development, planning, housing, real estate and land redevelopment, and housing stability. Within the director's office there shall be an administrative office. The department of development shall have as its primary duty the coordination, management, implementation and promotion of programs to encourage business expansion and attraction; planned growth, creation of housing opportunities; a lively downtown; the acquisition, sale, licensing, easements, and leasing of real property for city operations except for right of way and utility easements and otherwise provided in the Columbus City Codes; land reutilization and redevelopment of properties; and healthy, safe and revitalized neighborhoods. The department of development shall perform all other lawful functions as directed by the mayor or ordinance of council.

**SECTION 2.** That prior existing Section 215.01 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That the existing Section 215.09 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**215.09 - Division of real estate and land redevelopment.**

The division of real estate and land redevelopment is established as a division of the department of development. The division shall have as its primary duties the following: implementation of the adopted land reutilization program; redevelopment of properties held in the land bank; redevelopment of non operating assets as assigned and other duties as may be authorized by the director or ordinance of council.

(a) Sale, lease, license, grants of easements, rights of entries, and other encumbrances upon city owned real property; the acquisition, lease, license, easement, and other agreements for the use of real property and buildings for city operations; except the following:

(1) Right-of-way, including encroachment easements, sidewalks, and shared use paths in accordance with Title 9;

(2) License agreements for periods of one year or less including any renewals thereof, for licenses for recreation and parks purposes in accordance with Chapter 913;

(3) Parkland, open space, and easements for the preservation of open space and floodplains in accordance with parkland dedication under Chapter 3318;

(4) Easements and license agreements in accordance with Titles 11 and 43; and

(5) Acquisitions by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, as authorized by ordinance of council.

(b) Termination, release, or modification of leases, licenses, easements (including conservation easements), and other encumbrances upon city owned real property or land used in city operations, except for licenses pursuant to Chapter 913, sidewalks, shared use paths, traffic and/or utility easements managed by the Departments of Public Service or Public Utilities, as applicable;

(c) Determination of space needs for city departments and agencies;

(d) Maintaining custody of all deeds, abstracts, title insurance policies, and any other evidence of title to property belonging to the city; and

(e) Implementation of the adopted land reutilization program, including the acquisition, sale, lease, management, and reuse of properties held under the land reutilization program;

(f) Acquisition, management, lease, and sale of real property for redevelopment purposes to support housing and economic development programs;

(g) Acquisition, leasing, installation, and management of vending and other equipment under Chapter 328;

(h) Procurement and management of insurance, reinsurance, excess insurance policies, and other similar policies associated with real estate, liability, casualty, and personal property; and

(i) Other duties as may be authorized by the director or ordinance of council.

**SECTION 4.** That prior existing Section 215.09 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** That the existing Section 223.01 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**223.01 - Department of finance and management established.**

The department of finance and management is established as a department. The department of finance and management shall have as its primary duties the preparation of the city budget; the financial management of the city; the construction, maintenance, repair and security of buildings or structures as set forth in this chapter; ~~the management, acquisition, sale, and leasing of real property for city operations except for rights of way and utility easements;~~ management, maintenance, and repair of motor vehicles and motorized equipment for city departments; and purchasing operations. It shall assemble data and information for the management of such activities and for the use of various officers and departments of the city. The department shall perform all lawful functions as may be directed by the mayor or ordinance of council.

**SECTION 6.** That prior existing Section 223.01 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7.** That the existing Section 223.04 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**223.04 - Division of financial management.**

The division of financial management is established as a division of the department of finance and management. The administrative head of the division shall be the financial management division administrator. The division shall have as its primary duties the preparation of the city budget; preparation of the city's capital improvements program pursuant to Chapter 333; oversight of certain grants programs; implementation of performance management on a citywide basis; the procurement of goods and services for the city, and the sale of surplus personal property; in accordance with Chapter 329; ~~and~~ the formulation and implementation of procurement policies and programs for the city; and the formulation and implementation of financial policies for the city, as directed by the director or ordinance of city council.

**SECTION 8.** That prior existing Section 223.04 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9.** That the existing Section 223.05 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**223.05 - [Reserved.] Office of real estate management.**

~~The office of real estate management is established as an office of the department of finance and management within the director's office. The office shall have as its primary duties with respect to real property, other than rights of way and utility easements, used in city operations: maintaining an inventory; the management, acquisition, sale and leasing; research and analysis, including determination of space needs for city agencies; and other duties as may be authorized by the director or ordinance of council. The office shall have the custody of all deeds, abstracts, title insurance policies, and any other evidence of title to property belonging to the city.~~

**SECTION 10.** That prior existing Section 223.05 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 11.** That the existing Section 223.07 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**223.07 - [Reserved.] ~~Contracts for leasing of space and installation of automatic commercially owned vending machines.~~**

~~(a) — Anything in this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, the appointing authorities of the city of Columbus are hereby authorized with concurrence of the director of finance and management to enter into contract, or contracts from time to time for the leasing of space and installation of commercially owned automatic vending machines in public buildings owned or leased by the city. Each such contract shall contain provisions that:~~

- ~~(1) — The contractor shall save the city harmless from any liability resulting from the installation and operation of such vending machine;~~
- ~~(2) — The city will have no direct financial obligation under the contract;~~
- ~~(3) — The city, through the appointing authority, may designate the number, type, location and contents of any machine placed on property owned or leased by the city;~~
- ~~(4) — The city may terminate the contract upon fifteen (15) days written notice mailed to the other contracting party's address;~~
- ~~(5) — Such other items as the appointing authority deems necessary or desirable to protect the city of Columbus;~~
- ~~(6) — Commissions received from commercially owned vending machines shall be promptly and directly paid to the city treasurer and credited to the appropriate operating fund of the various divisions in the contracting departments.~~

**SECTION 12.** That prior existing Section 223.07 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 13.** That the existing Section 223.08 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**223.08 - [Reserved.] ~~Provisions for granting of space and utilities for the installation and operation of machines or equipment other than automatic commercially owned vending machines.~~**

~~The appointing authorities of the city of Columbus are authorized with concurrence of the director of finance and management to approve or disapprove the location and operation of machines or equipment which are owned and operated by employees of the city of Columbus for the purposes of storing food and/or non alcoholic beverages or for making coffee, tea, or instant beverages or~~

~~food. These machines will be limited to a refrigerator or other similar type hot or cold storage machine, microwave ovens, coffee makers, hot plates, electric teakettle and/or toaster.~~

~~All of these machines are to be for the exclusive use of employees and are not intended or anticipated to produce a profit. The items referred to above are for the convenience of the employees and are intended for use during breaks and/or lunch periods. There shall be no charge for the space or the utilities used in the operation of such machines or equipment.~~

**SECTION 14.** That prior existing Section 223.08 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 15.** That the existing Chapter 328 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

## **CHAPTER 328 - LAND REVIEW COMMISSION; SALE AND LEASE OF CITY-OWNED REALTY**

### **328.01 - Land review commission.**

~~(a) There is hereby created a commission to be known and designated as the "land review commission."~~ Hereinafter, no

~~(b) Unless otherwise specifically authorized by ordinance, no department, office, board or commission shall offer for sale any real property city right-of-way without seeking the approval for such action from the land review commission, unless otherwise specifically authorized by ordinance. Prior to submitting any request or ordinance for such purpose to council, the department, officer, board or commission submitting the request must obtain from the land review commission a recommendation that such request be approved or disapproved. All submissions to the land review commission for the sale of real property held for city operations other than rights of way or utility easements shall be made only by the department of finance and management. A The recommendation from the land review commission to approve the sale must accompany any request of the proposed ordinance to authorize the sale of right-of-way submitted to council, together with a statement describing the specific action desired by council, the location and description and proposed use of the particular real estate city right-of-way and the specific reasons for the request.~~

~~(c) The land review commission, upon receipt of a written proposal from the director of the department of development or designee for the sale of real property owned by the city, other than city right-of-way, may offer recommendations to the city council pertaining to the offer for sale.~~

~~(d) Any real property sold as a part of a specific program authorized by city council is hereby exempted from review by this the land review commission.~~

### **328.03 - Duties.**

The duties of the "land review commission" shall be as follows:

~~(Aa) To receive written proposals for the sale of city right of way in accordance with Section 328.01, from any and all departments, officers, boards or commissions desiring to sell real property.~~

~~(Bb) To review proposals for the sale by the city of real property of city right of way in accordance with Section 328.01, including right of way as well as encroachment easements for which mitigating circumstances have been identified giving due consideration to relevant factors, including, but not limited to:~~

~~(1) Appropriateness of the transaction affecting the particular property in light of current or future city objectives or needs;~~

- (2) The proposed development and use of the particular real property.
- (3) Fair market value estimate for the subject property; and
- (4) Mitigating circumstances ~~that can be~~ identified by the city which provide a public benefit and that could result in the reduction or elimination of the purchase price for the property to be sold.
- (Cc) To recommend the means by which the subject property would be sold, whether bid or otherwise, where appropriate;
- (Dd) To recommend ~~that certain~~ actions to be taken by the department, officer, board or commission prior to seeking authority from council to offer for sale real property.
- (Ee) To advise the administration and city council in matters relating to the offer for sale of real property and any development associated therewith.
- (Ff) To make recommendations from time to time to the city council on desirable legislation concerning the sale of interest in real property.
- (Gg) To provide for regular and special meetings at which written proposals and other matters relating to the duties of the land review commission may be discussed and considered by members of the commission, officers and personnel of the city, and other persons invited by the commission to attend a regular or special meeting because of their interest in a specific matter under consideration.
- (Hh) To receive assignments from the mayor or city council for study, consideration and recommendation regarding any problems confronting the city concerning transactions affecting real property or interests therein.
- (Ii) To exercise such other powers, authority and duties granted to it by ordinances or resolutions ~~heretofore or hereinafter enacted by~~ of council.
- (Jj) To make, modify, change and promulgate such rules, policies and procedures as in its discretion are deemed necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the duties set forth above.

#### **328.04 - Sale of city-owned realty.**

- (a) Unless specifically authorized by ordinance and in accordance with Section 215.09, no city department shall offer for sale any city owned real property. Sale of city owned real property, except right-of-way, which has been declared surplus property or designated for use for development purposes by the director of the department of development or designee shall be advertised for sale by the director of the department of development or designee by a competitive process, except as otherwise provided herein, under such terms and conditions established by the director of the department of development and advertised publicly for a period of no less than fourteen (14) days.
- (b) Property may be sold, without a competitive process, to the United States of America; the State of Ohio; any subdivision or agency of the United States or the State of Ohio; a new community authority organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349; a port authority organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4582; a community improvement corporation organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1724; or to nonprofit corporation as defined under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702, organized for a public or charitable purpose; provided, however, that property may be sold to a nonprofit corporation as defined under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702 organized for a public or charitable purpose only if the director of the department of development determines that the following criteria are satisfied:
- (1) The corporation or its parent corporation has been in active corporate existence for a consecutive period of not less than five (5) years;

(2) The corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation as defined under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702;

(3) The corporation or its parent corporation has sufficient capitalization and financial resources, as demonstrated by the corporation's previous three (3) years of IRS Form 990s or similar regulatory filing, to achieve the goal of timely creating more affordable housing in the City of Columbus; and

(4) Other similar criteria as established by rules promulgated by the director of the department of development.

(c) No property shall be conveyed until city council has approved the conveyance and terms of the sale by ordinance.

(d) This section shall not apply to sales of real property acquired as part of a land reutilization program as defined under Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code or accepted into the land reutilization program by ordinance.

(e) For purposes of this Section, "parent corporation" shall mean a nonprofit corporation organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702 that fully and directly owns and controls the nonprofit corporation described in Section 328.04(b).

(f) The requirements of this Section may be waived by majority vote of city council.

#### **328.05 - Easements and lease of city-owned realty.**

Except as provided elsewhere in Columbus City Codes, the division of real estate and land redevelopment of the department of development shall be responsible for granting and administering any lease, license, sublease, right of entry, and authorizing the grant of easement rights for any real property, except right-of-way, owned by the city. Any lease, license, sublease, or easement shall require approval by the City Attorney's Office and authorization by ordinance of council, except that the division may enter into leases, licenses, and subleases for one (1) year or less for properties in the land reutilization program without authorization by council. In carrying out these duties, the division of real estate and land redevelopment shall consult any department(s) impacted by the lease, license, sublease, or easement; provided, however, that the division of real estate and land redevelopment shall have authority to make the decision as between the departments, boards, commissions, offices, or similar city agency, as applicable, regarding granting and administration of said lease, license, sublease, or easement. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted to abrogate the authority of the Recreation and Parks Commission as described in Sections 128 and 129 of the City Charter.

#### **328.06 - Contracts for leasing of space and installation of automatic commercially owned vending machines.**

The appointing authorities of the city of Columbus are hereby authorized with concurrence of the director of the department of development to enter into contract, or contracts from time to time for the leasing of space and installation of commercially owned automatic vending machines in public buildings owned or leased by the city. Each such contract shall contain provisions that achieve the following:

(1) The contractor shall save the city harmless from any liability resulting from the installation and operation of such vending machine;

(2) The city will have no direct financial obligation under the contract;

(3) The city, through the appointing authority, may designate the number, type, location and contents of any machine placed on property owned or leased by the city;

(4) The city may terminate the contract upon fifteen (15) days written notice mailed to the other contracting party's address;

(5) Such other items as the appointing authority deems necessary or desirable to protect the city of Columbus; and

(6) Commissions received from commercially owned vending machines shall be promptly and directly paid to the city treasurer and credited to the appropriate operating fund of the various divisions in the contracting departments.

**328.07 - Provisions for granting of space and utilities for the installation and operation of machines or equipment other than automatic commercially owned vending machines.**

The appointing authorities of the city of Columbus are authorized with concurrence of the director of development to approve or disapprove the location and operation of machines or equipment which are owned and operated by employees of the city of Columbus for the purposes of storing food and/or non-alcoholic beverages or for making coffee, tea, or instant beverages or food. These machines will be limited to a refrigerator or other similar type of hot or cold storage machine, microwave ovens, coffee makers, hot plates, electric teakettle and/or toaster.

All of these machines are to be for the exclusive use of employees and are not intended or anticipated to produce a profit. The items referred to above are for the convenience of the employees and are intended for use during breaks and/or lunch periods. There shall be no charge for the space or the utilities used in the operation of such machines or equipment.

**SECTION 16.** That prior existing Chapter 328 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 17.** That the existing Section 329.32 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**329.32 - [Reserved.] Sale of city-owned realty.**

~~Unless specifically approved by ordinance, no city agency shall offer for sale any real property designated as rights of way without the recommendation of the land review commission. Sale of real property used in city operations, except rights of way, that has been declared surplus property or designated for use for development purposes by the director of the department of finance and management shall be advertised for sale by the director of the department of finance and management or designee listing such property on a minimum of one (1) major commercial real estate listing services used by commercial realtors in the Columbus area and in the Columbus City Bulletin for a period of at least fourteen (14) days. The director of finance and management or designee may also advertise the sale in newspapers and any other appropriate publications. No property shall be conveyed until city council has approved the conveyance and terms of the sale by ordinance.~~

~~This section shall not apply to sales of real property acquired as part of a land utilization program as defined under Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.~~

**SECTION 18.** That prior existing Section 329.32 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 19.** That the existing Section 329.33 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**329.33 - [Reserved.] Lease of city-owned realty.**

~~The lease, license or sublease of land reutilization properties for a term that exceeds one (1) year shall require authorization by ordinance of council. Except as provided elsewhere in Columbus City Codes, no city agency shall lease, license, sublease, or authorize the grant of easement rights for any real property owned by the city and used in city operations without first obtaining approval of the director of the department of finance and management, and authorization by ordinance of council.~~

**SECTION 20.** That prior existing Section 329.33 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 21.** That Section 913.00 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby added to read as follows:

**913.00 - Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, “facility” and “facilities” shall include, but are not limited to, the following: any aquatics center, pool or sprayground; athletic course, field or park; community center or specialty facility; dog park; nature preserve; rental facility including event venues, green space wedding sites, marinas and docks, open air shelters, paddlesports lockers, and premier venues; parks; playgrounds; reservoirs; and trails under the control and supervision of the recreation and parks department. The term “facility” and “facilities” do not include real property.

**SECTION 22.** That the existing Section 913.02 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**913.02 - Miscellaneous contracts.**

(A) The director of recreation and parks is authorized, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, to enter into the following contracts on behalf of the city of Columbus: ~~lease use of equipment, personal property, and, facilities and property,~~ under the control and supervision of the recreation and parks department, to the public for recreation and park purposes; ~~lease of space, use of fixtures and equipment~~ under the control and supervision of the recreation and parks department to concessionaires for the purpose of operating concessions; contract for various services to be performed on recreation and park facilities and property whereby the city of Columbus incurs no financial obligation; contract with seasonal athletic officials, athletic scorers, and attendants in conjunction with the operation of recreation and parks programs and facilities.

(B) In order to carry out the purpose of Section 913.02, the recreation and parks commission and the director of recreation and parks shall be governed by the guidelines as set forth below:

1. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to sign various agreements which deal with the day-to-day operations of the department of recreation and parks. Such agreements shall include:

a. Rental of boat docks and boat stakes in accordance with Sections 921.01-7 (Application for city-owned docks, stakes, and moorings) of the Columbus City Codes and in accordance with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.

b. Rental of recreation facilities on an hourly, daily or seasonal basis in accordance with the board of education (where applicable) and in accordance with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.

c. Agreements for the operation of vending machines, telephones, and other utilities within recreation and park facilities where fees and charges will be reimbursed to the recreation and parks department through a fees and charges schedule as approved by the recreation and parks commission.



d. Special permits for the use of parklands, showmobile, shelterhouses, swimming pools, or similar recreation and park facilities ~~or properties~~ where a fee is required (as established by the recreation and parks commission) or a deposit is required to ~~ensure~~ proper utilization of facilities.

e. Rental of city-owned golf carts on a daily basis or as established by contractual agreement with a golf cart leasing company with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.

f. Permits allowing for the rental of non-motorized boats including canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, paddle boats and similar watercraft, establishment of arts and crafts class fees, establishment of fees for tennis lessons, league fees for sports programs, and related programs as established by fees and charges from the recreation and parks commission, contractual agreements, or cost of program materials.

~~g. Rental of city owned residences in accordance with rental rates established by appraised values and approved as a part of the city's master salary ordinance.~~

2. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to execute ~~various~~ license agreements, not to exceed ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year in length, with individuals, groups, clubs, or organizations for the utilization of recreation and parks facilities ~~and/or property~~ which does not involve the expenditure of city of Columbus funds and do not include renewals for extension. ~~Such license agreements shall include:~~

~~a. License agreements for the use of recreation and park properties for activities commensurate with the development of recreation and park opportunities within Central Ohio such as:~~

~~(1) Lease of space for model airplane use;~~

~~(2) Lease of White Sulphur Quarry as a ski area;~~

~~(3) Lease of properties to boat clubs.~~

~~b. Lease of undeveloped properties until such land is required for future development.~~

3. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to execute various concession agreements in conjunction with the day-to-day operation of various recreation and parks facilities and programs. In each case, the department of recreation and parks will advertise and seek competitive bids for the operation and privilege of these concessions; however, if no bids are received, the director of recreation and parks, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, has the option to negotiate an appropriate agreement for the privilege of operating a concession for a period not to exceed two (2) years. Such agreements shall include:

a. Gas and oil concessions, bait store concessions, and similar concessions relating to the operation and utilization of the reservoir areas.

b. Concession privileges for the sale of food, drinks, etc. at various recreation and parks facilities as a part of the day-to-day operation.

c. Specialized concession agreements that relate to the day-to-day operation of a recreation and park facility.

d. The length of term and procedures for execution of concession agreements shall be as follows:

(1) The contract term shall not exceed two (2) years.

- (2) Concession agreements in excess of two (2) years shall be submitted to city council as standard legislation after appropriate approval from the recreation and parks commission.
- (3) All agreements shall be approved as to form by the city attorney.
4. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission will have the authority to establish a schedule of special rates for contracting with seasonal athletic officials, athletic scorers, and attendants in conjunction with the operation of recreation and parks programs and facilities, and to contract with such officials, scorers, and attendants for such purpose.
  - a. All such contracts shall be in accordance with the schedule of special rates established; and
  - b. Such contracts may be informal on a per-game, per-match, or per-hour-of-game-or-match basis and need not be individually executed in writing.
5. The fee policy or fee schedule for all recreation and parks facilities and programs will be established by the recreation and parks commission.

**SECTION 23.** That prior existing Section 913.02 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 24.** That the existing Section 913.03 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**913.03 - Discrimination prohibited.**

(A) No person, partnership, organization, club, committee, association, or corporation using any city-owned recreation and parks ~~property or~~ facilities, by lease, permit, contract, agreement or other means shall discriminate in employment, membership, activity participation or guest privileges on the basis of race, ~~religion, national origin or~~ sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age disability, family or military status, or any other status that is protected by federal, state, or local law or ordinance, and shall agree not to so discriminate as a condition of the lease, permit, contract or agreement granting them the right to use such facilities.

(B) Any person, partnership, organization, club, committee, association or corporation violating Section 913.03(A) shall immediately forfeit the right to use such ~~property or~~ facilities.

**SECTION 25.** That prior existing Section 913.03 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 26.** That the existing Section 3513.02 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3513.02 - Acquisition of property.**

The approval by council of the plan in its original form or as amended by council shall constitute the authority to expend general tax revenues appropriated for such purpose, the proceeds of bonds authorized and issued for such purpose and to accept gifts, donations and grants from the federal government, the state of Ohio, other public bodies, or from any other entity or person. With such funds, the ~~development director of the department of development and human services director are~~ is authorized to acquire in the name of the city any property in the project area, demolish the buildings on such property, make the site improvements indicated on the renewal plan and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the acquisition of property, demolition of buildings and site improvements. The ~~human services director of the department of development~~ is also authorized to purchase structures for demonstration housing and guidance purposes which is

essential for expediting conservation or rehabilitation projects. The ~~development~~ director of the department of development and the human services director under the authority of this section ~~are~~ is also authorized to purchase with such funds, lands and structures in the name of the city for rehabilitation and subsequent sale at fair value in an urban renewal project area.

**SECTION 27.** That prior existing Section 3513.02 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 28.** That the existing Section 3513.03 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3513.03 - Disposition of property.**

The ~~development~~ director of the department of development and the human service director ~~are~~ is authorized to negotiate for the sale or lease of property in a project area which is not to be retained by the city for uses in accordance with the renewal plan. No land shall be sold except pursuant to a special ordinance of city council authorizing such sale, which ordinances shall prescribe in detail the terms and conditions upon which sale is to be made and the covenants to be contained in the deed from the city to the redeveloper. Any such terms, conditions or covenants shall not contain any restrictions based upon race, creed or color. Pending the use or sale of property in a project area, the ~~development~~ director of the department of development or the human services director may temporarily rent such property for such uses and purposes as may be desirable, even though not in conformity with the renewal plan.

**SECTION 29.** That prior existing Section 3513.03 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 30.** That the existing Section 4305.05 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**4305.05 - Acquiring areas of new plats for schools, parks and recreation.**

Upon receipt of any tentative, preliminary or proposed plat of a subdivision, the director shall forthwith inform the departments of development and recreation and parks and the Columbus board of education (or other appropriate school authorities) of the location, extent and nature of such proposed subdivision. Within 30 days from the date of the filing of the plat with the director, the Columbus board of education (or other appropriate school authority), or the department of development recreation and parks shall acquire any land needed for school, park and recreation purposes or within such time shall file with the director of the department of development or designee a written agreement or option to acquire such land. If such written agreement or option is not filed with the director of the department of development or designee within 30 days or within such further time the owner, subdivider or developer may agree to, the plat shall be approved, if otherwise satisfactory.

**SECTION 31.** That prior existing Section 4305.05 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 32.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer available appropriation up to \$472,383.06 within Fund 1000 (General Fund) from Dept-Div 45-51 (Department of Finance and Management's Real Estate Management Office), to Dept-Div 44-11 (Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment), per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 33.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer available appropriation up to \$680,000.00 within Fund 5502 (Employee Benefits) from Dept-Div 45-51 (Department of Finance and

Management's Real Estate Management Office), to Dept-Div 44-11 (Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment), per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 34.** That the Director is authorized to pay and/or continue to pay any outstanding encumbrances and contract obligations held as it relates to the Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment using the funding and encumbrances currently in place on those obligations, including prior year(s) encumbrances, until those balances are liquidated or no longer needed.

**SECTION 35.** That all current year General Fund expenses that have occurred prior to the effective date of the transfer of the Real Estate Management Office to the Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment, will remain in division 45-51 (Department of Finance and Management's Real Estate Management Office).

**SECTION 36.** That the enforcement of this ordinance shall commence from and after July 6, 2025.

**SECTION 37.** 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 as necessary.

**SECTION 38.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 39.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 40.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.