

DRAFTING OFFICE/DEPARTMENT**Fact Sheet:** Proposed Changes to [insert title, chapter, etc.]**Drafter:****Department Requesting Code Change:**

Department of Development

Drafter:

Hannah Reed

Ordinance Number:

1687-2025

Email and Phone:hcreed@columbus.gov, 614.645.8577**Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:**

Section 3513.03, Section 4305.05

What is the overall purpose of this code change? *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

In order to improve the efficiency with which the City of Columbus manages and disposes of its real estate holdings, the Office of Real Estate Management of the Department of Finance and the Division of Land Redevelopment of the Department of Development will be reorganized into the Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment. The new division will consolidate all real estate duties, except for right of ways, into one division, and allow better coordination of real estate matters, including easements, acquisitions, sale, leasing, and redevelopment. The division will oversee both real estate holdings used for City operations and holdings used to promote both economic and housing development, including the City's land reutilization program. Additionally, the division will manage the City's property and casualty insurance, vending machines and other duties as assigned. This reorganization will be effective as of July 6, 2025.

Why is this code change needed?

This change is needed to better align administrative functionality with Council priorities/initiatives. The Department of Development is increasing its emphasis housing development and housing sustainability. As such moving the Office of Real Estate Management from the Department of Finance to the Department of Development will streamline ongoing and new housing initiatives and real estate asset management.

What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?

The Administration with Council's support has already made several internal changes related to this shift. Failure to adopt this code change in a timely manner will cause several programmatic and administrative delays that will affect the functionality of the city.

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Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?

These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.

There are no net budgetary changes. Simply a shift in the ownership of existing appropriations.

Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so?

Key stakeholders have been alerted of the change. Since REMO functions mostly internally, wide public outreach is not advised.

How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?

No negative external feedback was received. Nothing needed to be incorporated.

Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?

July 6th, 2025

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