



City of Columbus

Legislation Report

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***Committee:** Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee

File Name: To modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000

File Created: 05/12/2020

Final Action: 06/18/2020

Auditor Cert #:

Auditor: When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number I , the City Auditor, hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipate to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within Ordinance.

Contact Name/No.: Steve Dunbar, 5-6914 and Christi Plantz 5-8994

Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)

Mayor's Action

Council Action

Mayor

Date

Date Passed/ Adopted

President of Council

Veto

Date

City Clerk

Title: To modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000.00 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000.00; and to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions to include associated training, furniture, and equipment.

Sponsors:

Attachments: Ordinance 0754-2003 Envl Fund

History of Legislative File

Ver.	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Columbus City Council	06/01/2020	Read for the First Time				
1	Columbus City Council	06/15/2020	Approved				Pass
1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	06/15/2020	Signed				
1	MAYOR	06/17/2020	Signed				
1	CITY CLERK	06/18/2020	Attest				

ODI: Following the review and approval, when required, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

City Attorney: Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

Explanation

This legislation modifies the Special Revenue Environmental Fund, which was created in 2003 under Ordinance 0754-2003, to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions in the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court. The Special Revenue Environmental Fund is funded by earmarked fines paid by persons convicted of violating any housing, building, zoning, health, safety, fire, air pollution or sanitation ordinance of the Columbus City Code and has a maximum allotment of \$100,000. The cost of litigating public nuisance abatement actions in Franklin County Environmental Court has risen in the 17 years since the creation of the Special Revenue Environmental Fund and those costs also include associated training, equipment, and furniture. It has been deemed necessary and appropriate to modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000; and to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions to include associated training, furniture, and equipment.

Title

To modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000.00 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000.00; and to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions to include associated training, furniture, and equipment.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus created the Special Revenue Environmental Fund in 2003 to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions in Franklin County Environmental Court; and

WHEREAS, the Special Revenue Environmental Fund is funded by earmarked fines paid by persons convicted of violating any housing, building, zoning, health, safety, fire air pollution or sanitation ordinance of the Columbus City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Special Revenue Environmental Fund has a maximum allotment of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the cost of litigating public nuisance abatement actions in Franklin County Environmental Court has risen in the 17 years since the creation of the Special Revenue Environmental Fund; and

WHEREAS, cost of litigating public nuisance abatement actions in Franklin County Environmental Court include associated training, equipment and furniture; and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary and appropriate to modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000 to cover the costs of litigating public nuisance abatement actions to include associated training, furniture and equipment; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor be authorized to modify the Special Revenue Environmental Fund from a maximum allotment of \$100,000 to a maximum allotment of \$150,000 at any one time with any excess monies reverting to the General Fund.

SECTION 2. That the Special Revenue Environmental Fund shall be for the purpose of providing the necessary monies to institute, execute, and enforce public nuisance abatement actions and foreclosure actions on behalf of the City of Columbus and to fund associated training, furniture and equipment.

SECTION 3. That all monies received by the City from such sources and deposited in said Fund from time to time are hereby deemed to be appropriated and authorized to be expended by the City Attorney for such purposes.

SECTION 4. That from such Fund the City Attorney is continued to be authorized to maintain a petty cash fund in the amount of \$500 and to expend there from such sums as the City Attorney deems necessary for the purposes hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.