

WHEREAS, pursuant to various ordinances passed by City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Columbus, Ohio (the “City”), the City issued and sold certain limited tax general obligation bonds, to wit:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2014B	6/24/2014	\$ 3,075,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2014C (Federally Taxable)	6/24/2014	725,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014-6	9/4/2014	755,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015B	8/13/2015	35,770,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015C (Federally Taxable)	8/13/2015	1,375,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-2	3/7/2016	12,185,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016B	8/4/2016	31,880,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016D (Federally Taxable)	8/4/2016	2,560,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-4	11/16/2016	7,950,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2017B	10/25/2017	2,600,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2017C (Federally Taxable)	10/25/2017	6,020,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018B	10/17/2018	5,645,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018D (Federally Taxable)	10/17/2018	8,040,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019B	10/16/2019	9,010,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019D (Federally Taxable)	10/16/2019	12,455,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019-2 (Federally Taxable)	10/16/2019	6,290,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2021B	2/17/2021	10,930,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2021D (Federally Taxable)	2/17/2021	18,730,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022B	5/17/2022	36,040,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022D (Federally Taxable)	5/17/2022	41,120,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023B	5/17/2023	20,335,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023D (Federally Taxable)	5/17/2023	41,350,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2024B	6/6/2024	20,595,000
Various Purpose Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2024D (Federally Taxable)	6/6/2024	<u>13,910,000</u>
Total		<u>\$349,345,000</u>

and the City issued and sold certain unlimited tax general obligation bonds, to wit:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014-5	9/4/2014	\$ 9,460,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2015A	8/13/2015	103,755,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-1	3/7/2016	100,870,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2016A	8/4/2016	204,000,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2016C (Federally Taxable)	8/4/2016	1,190,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-3	11/16/2016	81,270,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2017A	10/25/2017	169,300,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2017-1	11/16/2017	105,160,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2018A	10/17/2018	216,205,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2018C (Federally Taxable)	10/17/2018	15,015,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019A	10/16/2019	184,500,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019C (Federally Taxable)	10/16/2019	8,950,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019-1 (Federally Taxable)	10/16/2019	23,585,000

Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021A	2/17/2021	227,865,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021C (Federally Taxable)	2/17/2021	17,855,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022A	5/17/2022	201,450,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022C (Federally Taxable)	5/17/2022	36,135,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023A	5/17/2023	280,840,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023C (Federally Taxable)	5/17/2023	21,000,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024A	6/6/2024	275,520,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2024C (Federally Taxable)	6/6/2024	72,020,000
Various Purpose Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024-1	6/6/2024	51,315,000
Total		<u>\$2,407,260,000</u>

(the above-described bonds are collectively referred to as the “Outstanding Bonds”), for the purposes described in those ordinances and in the Outstanding Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City can achieve a reduction in the debt service associated with the Outstanding Bonds by providing for the refunding of all or a portion of such Outstanding Bonds (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, due to current market conditions, this Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City to refund the Refunded Bonds using the proceeds of refunding bonds, authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 133.34(A)(3), together with other moneys available for that purpose, if any; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Office of the City Auditor in that it is immediately necessary to adopt this Ordinance to timely refund the Refunded Bonds in order to take advantage of current market conditions to achieve a reduction in the debt service associated with the Outstanding Bonds, all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. Bonds of the City shall be issued, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$71,480,000 (the “Bonds”), or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Director of Finance and Management or City Auditor and certified to this Council, the proceeds of which Bonds, together with other funds available therefor, will be used for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds and to pay all or a portion of the financing costs associated with such purpose.

Section 2. There shall be and is hereby levied annually on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes and inside the ten mill limitation, a direct tax (the “Debt Service Levy”) for each year during which any of the Bonds are outstanding, for the purpose of providing, and in an amount which is sufficient to provide, funds to pay interest upon the Bonds as and when the same falls due and to provide a fund for the repayment of the principal of the Bonds at maturity or upon redemption. The Debt Service Levy shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Article XII, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution.

Section 3. Except for any of the Bonds that are “self-supporting securities” for purposes of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.05(B)(1), the City hereby covenants, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 133.05(B)(7), to appropriate annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes, and to continue to levy and collect municipal income taxes adequate to produce, amounts necessary to meet the debt charges on the Bonds in each year until full payment is made.

Section 4. The Debt Service Levy shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of such years are certified, extended and collected. The Debt Service Levy shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from the Debt Service Levy shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the premium, if any, and interest on and principal of the Bonds when and as the same falls due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the City determines that funds will be available from other sources for the payment of the Bonds in any year, the amount of the Debt Service Levy for such year shall be reduced by the amount of funds which will be so available, and the City shall appropriate such funds to the payment of the Bonds in accordance with law.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that, for purposes of issuance and sale, it is in the best interests of the City to combine all or a portion of the Bonds with other limited tax bond issues of the City, authorized by other ordinances adopted by this Council. The Bonds and such other bonds may be issued in one or more series and will be jointly referred to herein as the “Limited Tax Bonds.” Any refunding portion of the Bonds shall be designated “Various Purpose Limited Tax Refunding Bonds” or as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Award in order, among other things, to distinguish any taxable series of Limited Tax Bonds from any Limited Tax Bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, for the purpose described in the title of this ordinance.

Section 6. The Limited Tax Bonds shall be issued only as fully registered bonds, in such denominations as shall be specified in the Certificate of Award or any integral multiple thereof but not exceeding the principal amount of Limited Tax Bonds maturing on any one date; shall be numbered from R-1 upward; shall be dated as set forth in the Certificate of Award provided for in Section 10 hereof; shall bear interest payable semi-annually on the dates specified in the Certificate of Award (the “Interest Payment Dates”), until the principal sum is paid; and shall bear interest at the rates, shall mature, shall be subject to mandatory redemption in the amounts and on the dates, and shall be subject to optional redemption in the years and at the redemption prices, as shall be set forth in the Certificate of Award.

If less than all of the then outstanding Limited Tax Bonds are called for redemption, the Limited Tax Bonds so called shall be selected by lot by the City in such manner as it shall determine. When partial redemption of a single maturity of Limited Tax Bonds is authorized, the Bond Registrar (as defined in Section 8 hereof) shall select Limited Tax Bonds or portions thereof by lot within such maturity in such manner as the Bond Registrar may determine.

The right of redemption shall be exercised by notice specifying by numbers the Limited Tax Bonds to be called, the redemption price to be paid, the date fixed for redemption and the places where amounts due upon such redemption are payable. The City shall cause such notice to be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered holder or holders of the Limited Tax Bonds to be redeemed, mailed to the address shown on the registration books, not less than thirty (30) days prior to such redemption date. All Limited Tax Bonds so called for redemption shall cease to bear interest on the redemption date, provided moneys for the redemption of said Limited Tax Bonds are on deposit at the office of the Bond Registrar at that time.

Section 7. The Limited Tax Bonds shall set forth the purposes for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and shall be executed by the Mayor and the City Auditor of the City, in their official capacities, provided that either or both of those signatures may be a facsimile. No Limited Tax Bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until a certificate of authentication, as printed on the Limited Tax Bond, is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Limited Tax Bond so authenticated has been duly issued and delivered under this Ordinance and is entitled to the security and benefit of this Ordinance.

The principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Limited Tax Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. The principal of the Limited Tax Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Limited Tax Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar. Each Limited Tax Bond shall bear interest from the later of the date thereof, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, unless the date of authentication of any Bond is less than 15 days prior to an Interest Payment Date, in which case interest shall accrue from such Interest Payment Date. Interest on any Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Limited Tax Bond is registered, at the close of business on the 15th day next preceding that Interest Payment Date (the "Record Date") (unless such date falls on a non-business day, in which case the Record Date shall be the preceding business day), on the Bond Register (as defined in Section 8 hereof) at the address appearing therein.

Any interest on any Limited Tax Bond which is payable, but is not punctually paid or provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the relevant Record Date by virtue of having been such owner and such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the registered owner in whose name the Limited Tax Bond is registered at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") to be fixed by the Bond Registrar, such Special Record Date to be not more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of proposed payment. The Bond Registrar shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each registered owner, at his address as it appears in the Bond Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, and may, in its discretion, cause a similar notice to be published once in a newspaper in each place where Limited Tax Bonds are payable, but such publication shall not be a condition precedent to the establishment of such Special Record Date.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, each Limited Tax Bond delivered by the Bond Registrar upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Limited Tax Bond shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Limited Tax Bond.

Section 8. The City Auditor is hereby appointed to act as the authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (collectively, the "Bond Registrar") for the Limited Tax Bonds. So long as any of the Limited Tax Bonds remain outstanding, the City will cause to be maintained and kept by the Bond Registrar, at the office of the Bond Registrar, all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Limited Tax Bonds as provided in this Section (the "Bond Register"). Subject to the provisions of Section 9 hereof, the person in whose name any Limited Tax Bonds shall be registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes. Payment of or on account of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on any Limited Tax Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person. Neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as herein provided. All payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Limited Tax Bonds, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Limited Tax Bond, upon presentation and surrender at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may be exchanged for Limited Tax Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Limited Tax Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

A Limited Tax Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon that transfer, the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Limited Tax Bond or Limited Tax Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Limited Tax Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

The City and the Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Limited Tax Bond for a period of 15 days next preceding the date of its maturity.

In all cases in which Limited Tax Bonds are exchanged or transferred hereunder, the City shall cause to be executed and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Limited Tax Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner; except that the City and Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The City or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before it begins the procedure for the exchange or transfer of the Limited Tax Bonds. All Limited Tax Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange shall be the valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Limited Tax Bonds surrendered upon that transfer or exchange.

If at any time the City Auditor determines that it is in the best interest of the City that a bank or other appropriate financial institution experienced in providing the services of authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent should serve as Bond Registrar, or co-Bond Registrar in addition to the Bond Registrar, then the Director of Finance and Management or the City Auditor shall, and each is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City a Bond Registrar Agreement with such entity, pursuant to which such bank or financial institution shall agree to serve as Bond Registrar or co-Bond Registrar for the Limited Tax Bonds. If at any time such bank or financial institution shall be unable or unwilling to serve as Bond Registrar or co-Bond Registrar, or the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management, in such officers' discretion, shall determine that it would be in the best interest of the City for such functions to be performed by another party, the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management may, and each is hereby authorized and directed to, enter into an agreement with another banking association or other appropriate institution experienced in providing such services, to perform the services required of the Bond Registrar or co-Bond Registrar hereunder. Each such successor Bond Registrar (or co-Bond Registrar) shall promptly advise all bondholders of the change in identity and its address.

Section 9. The Limited Tax Bonds, or any portion thereof, may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book-entry system (each as hereinafter defined), and the provisions of this Section 9 shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance: (i) the Limited Tax Bonds shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (ii) the beneficial owners in book-entry form shall have no right to receive Limited Tax Bonds in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in any Limited Tax Bond in book-entry form shall be shown by book-entry on the system maintained and operated by the

Depository, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by the Depository and by book-entry; and (iv) the Limited Tax Bonds as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City. Principal of and premium, if any, and interest on Limited Tax Bonds in book-entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in same day funds delivered to the Depository or its authorized representative (a) in the case of interest, on each Interest Payment Date, and (b) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Limited Tax Bonds as provided in this Ordinance.

The Bond Registrar may enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of an Limited Tax Bond in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on that Limited Tax Bond or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided above in this Ordinance, without prior presentation or surrender of the Limited Tax Bond, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and the City. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of the Limited Tax Bond on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Bond Registrar will furnish a copy of each of these agreements, certified to be correct by the Bond Registrar, to other paying agents for the Limited Tax Bonds and to the City. Any payment of principal, premium or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this Ordinance.

The City Auditor, as Bond Registrar, is authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the City, a letter agreement among the City, the Bond Registrar (if City Auditor is not then serving as Bond Registrar) and The Depository Trust Company, as Depository, to be delivered, in connection with the issuance of the Limited Tax Bonds to the Depository for use in a book-entry system.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a depository for the Limited Tax Bonds for use in a book-entry system, the City and the Bond Registrar may attempt to have established a securities depository/book-entry relationship with another qualified Depository under this Ordinance. If the City and the Bond Registrar do not or are unable to do so, the City and the Bond Registrar, after the Bond Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Limited Tax Bonds from the Depository, and authenticate and deliver Limited Tax Bond certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing definitive Limited Tax Bonds), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by the City or the Bond Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

For purposes of this Ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Book-entry form” or “book-entry system” means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Limited Tax Bonds may be transferred only through a book-entry and (ii) physical Limited Tax Bonds in fully registered form are issued only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Limited Tax Bonds “immobilized” in the custody of the Depository, and the book-entry is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Limited Tax Bonds.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its participants, a book-entry system to record beneficial ownership of securities and to effect transfers of securities in book-entry form, and includes The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York, and its nominees.

Section 10. The City Auditor and the Director of Finance and Management, or either of them individually, are authorized and directed to cause the Limited Tax Bonds to be sold by negotiated sale. The sale and award of the Limited Tax Bonds shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Award (as defined herein) signed by the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management. The Certificate of Award shall identify the Original Purchaser for the Limited Tax Bonds, the aggregate principal amount of the Limited Tax Bonds, the denominations of the Limited Tax Bonds, the dated date of the Limited Tax Bonds, the Purchase Price, the Specified Interest Rates, the Principal Retirement Dates, the Principal Retirement Schedule, the Verification Agent, Mandatory Redemption Dates, Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirements, Term Bonds, Term Maturity Dates, the Earliest Optional Redemption Date and the Optional Redemption Prices (all as hereinafter defined) and shall include such additional information as shall be required by the terms of this Ordinance.

The City Auditor and the Director of Finance and Management, or either of them individually, are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Original Purchaser (which agreement may be combined with the purchase agreement for the purchase of other general obligation bonds authorized by separate ordinances of this Council), setting forth the conditions under which the Limited Tax Bonds are to be sold and delivered, which agreement shall be in such form and shall contain such terms, covenants and conditions not inconsistent with this Ordinance and permitted by applicable law as shall be approved by the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

As used in this Section 10 hereof:

“Certificate of Award” means the Certificate of Award authorized by this Section 10 to be executed by the Director of Finance and Management or the City Auditor setting forth and determining such terms and other matters pertaining to the Limited Tax Bonds, their issuance, sale or delivery, as are authorized and directed to be determined therein by this Ordinance.

“Earliest Optional Redemption Date” means the date specified in the Certificate of Award as the earliest date on which Limited Tax Bonds may be called for redemption at the option of the City.

“Mandatory Redemption Dates” means the dates to be specified in the Certificate of Award in which such Limited Tax Bonds that are Term Bonds are to be redeemed pursuant to the applicable Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirements.

“Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirements” means, as to Limited Tax Bonds maturing on Term Maturity Dates, amounts sufficient to redeem such Limited Tax Bonds (less the amount of credit, if any, as provided in the Certificate of Award) on each Mandatory Redemption Date, as are to be set forth in the Certificate of Award.

“Optional Redemption Prices,” if any, for the Limited Tax Bonds shall be as set forth in the Certificate of Award.

“Original Purchaser” means such purchaser or purchasers as are identified in the Certificate of Award.

“Principal Retirement Dates” means the dates on which the Limited Tax Bonds are to be retired in accordance with their stated terms, which dates are to be specified in the Certificate of Award; provided that the Principal Retirement Dates shall be such that the final maturity of the principal portion of the Bonds is not later than the final maturity date permitted by law for the Refunded Bonds.

“Principal Retirement Schedule” means the schedule for the retirement of the principal of the Limited Tax Bonds on the Principal Retirement Dates, in accordance with their stated terms, in the years of Principal Retirement Dates and in the amounts to be retired which shall be determined in the Certificate of Award.

“Purchase Price” means that amount which is to be determined in the Certificate of Award, but such amount is to be no less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount of the Limited Tax Bonds, together with accrued interest on the Limited Tax Bonds from their date to the date of their delivery and payment therefor.

“Specified Interest Rates” means the interest rate or rates at which the Limited Tax Bonds bear interest, which rates are to be determined in the Certificate of Award, provided the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed six per centum (6.00%) per annum.

“Term Bonds” means those Limited Tax Bonds, as are determined in the Certificate of Award, that are to mature on Term Maturity Dates, unless previously redeemed pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirements.

“Term Maturity Dates” means the dates on which Limited Tax Bonds that are Term Bonds are to be retired in accordance with their stated terms, which date or dates are to be determined in the Certificate of Award, provided that no such date shall be later than the year of the last maturity permitted by law for the Refunded Bonds.

“Verification Agent” means the certified public accounting firm specified within the Certificate of Award that will deliver reports on the arithmetical accuracy of certain computations contained in schedules provided to them by the Original Purchaser on behalf of the City relating to the refunding purposes of the Refunded Bonds.

The Mayor, the Director of Finance and Management, the City Auditor and the City Clerk, or other appropriate officers of the City, are authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the City to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for the delivery of the Limited Tax Bonds to the Original Purchaser. Those officers are further directed to take all steps necessary to effect due execution, authentication and delivery of the Limited Tax Bonds under the terms of this Ordinance, the Certificate of Award and the Bond Purchase Agreement. Further, such officers are hereby authorized and directed to take such action and to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Council, such additional instruments, agreements, certificates, and other documents as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Ordinance. Such documents shall be in the form not substantially inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, as they in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

The distribution of an Official Statement of the City, in preliminary and final form, relating to the original issuance of the Limited Tax Bonds is hereby authorized (which Official Statement may be the same offering document used in connection with the sale of other general obligation bonds authorized by separate ordinances of this Council), and the Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, or either of them acting alone, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, prepare and execute, on behalf of the City and in their official capacity, the Official Statement and any supplements thereto as so executed in connection with the original issuance of the Limited Tax Bonds, and each is authorized and directed to advise the Original Purchaser in writing regarding limitations on the use of the Official Statement and any supplements thereto for purposes of marketing or reoffering the Limited Tax Bonds as each deems necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City. The Director of Finance and Management, the City Auditor, the City Attorney and any other official of the City are each authorized to execute and deliver,

on behalf of the City and in their official capacities, such certificates in connection with the accuracy of the Official Statement, in either preliminary or final form, and any supplements thereto as may, in their judgment, be necessary or appropriate.

The City shall deposit with the Escrow Trustee, hereinafter identified, proceeds of the Limited Tax Bonds, except accrued interest and any proceeds applied toward costs of issuance, paid to the City pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement, and such other amounts available to the City for such purpose, to be applied toward the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, and such monies shall be applied in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Deposit Agreement, hereinafter identified. The balance of such proceeds, including any accrued interest received from such sale, and to the extent permitted by law, shall be deposited in the City Treasury and shall be credited to such funds and used for such purposes as shall be specified in the Certificate of Award. Said proceeds are hereby appropriated for such purposes.

All moneys necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and authorized for expenditure by the City Auditor.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2421-2025, adopted on the same date as this ordinance, Council has authorized the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 from Debt Retirement Fund, Fund 4430, and appropriated such amount to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, in addition to Limited Tax Bonds and Unlimited Tax Bonds authorized by separate ordinances of this Council, to be issued at the same time as the Bonds (as used herein, the “2025 Bonds”), which costs of issuance shall include, but shall not be limited to, the fees and expenses of the City’s bond counsel, the fees and expenses of the City’s municipal advisor, rating agency fees, the fees and expenses associated with the sale of the 2025 Bonds and printing fees. Council hereby affirms such use and authorizes the reimbursement of Debt Retirement Fund, Fund 4430, by the benefiting funds as determined by the City Auditor. In the alternative, the City Auditor is hereby authorized to pay costs of issuance of the 2025 Bonds from the proceeds of the sale of the 2025 Bonds.

This Council hereby declares that the Limited Tax Bonds are “obligations” within the meaning of Section 323.07(a) of the Columbus City Codes. The Certificate of Award shall identify the annual financial information and operating data that will constitute the “annual information” for purposes of said Section 323.07. Further, the City Auditor and Director of Finance and Management, or either of them individually, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, for the benefit of the bondholders, a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in such form as is approved by the officer executing such certificate, as necessary to assist the Original Purchaser in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall identify the annual financial information and operating data that will constitute the “annual information” for purposes of said Section 323.07. The approval of such Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such certificate by the City Auditor or Director of Finance and Management.

Section 11. Certain of the Limited Tax Bonds or a series thereof (the “Tax-Exempt Bonds”) may be issued as obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The City hereby covenants that it shall comply with the requirements of all existing and future laws which must be satisfied in order that interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds is and will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, under applicable provisions of the Code. The City further covenants that it shall restrict the use of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Tax-Exempt Bonds are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the “Regulations”).

The City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management, or any other officer of the City, including the City Clerk, is hereby authorized and directed (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds as permitted or required to be made or given under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or the status of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing any rebate amount or any payment of penalties, or making any payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, any excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management, which action shall be in writing and signed by the City Auditor or the Director of Finance and Management, or any other officer of the City, including the City Clerk, on behalf of the City; (b) to take any and all actions, make or obtain calculations, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City, as may be appropriate to assure such exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Tax-Exempt Bonds; and (c) to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations of the City pertaining to Section 148 and the Regulations, and the representations, warranties and covenants of the City regarding compliance by the City with Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and the Regulations.

The City Auditor shall keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to investment of all proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the City to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Tax-Exempt Bonds which limits the amount of Tax-Exempt Bond proceeds which may be invested at an unrestricted yield or requires the City to rebate arbitrage profits (or penalties in lieu thereof) to the United States Department of the Treasury. The City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits (or penalties in lieu thereof) to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Tax-Exempt Bonds requires any such reports or rebates, and moneys necessary to make such rebates are hereby appropriated for such purpose. The payment of any rebate arbitrage profits (or penalties in lieu thereof) made to the United States Department of the Treasury shall be authorized and paid from such fund or funds as determined by the City Auditor.

Section 12. The Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, and either of them acting alone, are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name of the City and on its behalf, to give, or cause to be given, such notices as may be required in order to effect the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, including, but not limited to, giving such notices of redemption as may be necessary to redeem the Refunded Bonds on their first optional redemption dates. The Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor and each of them, acting alone, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver an Escrow Deposit Agreement with such banking institution selected by the City Auditor to serve as Escrow Trustee (the "Escrow Trustee"), pursuant to which the Escrow Trustee shall: (i) maintain a trust fund for the proceeds of the Limited Tax Bonds deposited with the Escrow Trustee for the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Deposit Agreement; and (ii) be appointed and serve as the co-paying agent for the Refunded Bonds. The Escrow Deposit Agreement shall be in such form and shall contain such terms, covenants and conditions not inconsistent with this Ordinance as shall be approved by the officer executing the same and as shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney. The approval of the Escrow Deposit Agreement shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof by those officials.

Section 13. Except for the procedure for authenticating the Limited Tax Bonds set forth herein, documents (including this Ordinance) executed, scanned and transmitted electronically and electronic and

digital signatures shall be deemed original signatures for said transcript of the Limited Tax Bonds, for the purposes of this Ordinance, and for all matters related thereto, with any such scanned, electronic, and digital signatures having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Section 14. It is hereby found and determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Limited Tax Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the City have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith, credit and revenue of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal and interest thereof at maturity; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, has been exceeded in issuing the Limited Tax Bonds.

Section 15. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 16. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Ordinance to the County Auditors of Franklin, Fairfield and Delaware Counties, Ohio.

Section 17. In accordance with Sections 22 and 44-1(b) of the Charter of the City of Columbus, Ohio, and for the reason 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 immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.