
Chapter 225 DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

225.01 Department of technology established.

a) There is hereby established a department of technology. The department is intended to support the city and its agencies' use of technology to provide and facilitate government services. The director of the department of technology shall also serve as the city chief information officer.

b) The department shall have the following as its primary functions.

1) Superintending information technology cybersecurity citywide pursuant to Columbus City Codes Section 225.011 and as may be required by Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64, and

2) Superintending information technology acquisition, privacy, and use for offices, departments, councils, boards, commissions and all other subdivisions of the city under the direction or appointment of the mayor, and,

3) Providing information technology services to city offices, departments, councils, boards, commissions and all other subdivisions of the city.

c) The department may establish and promulgate information technology policy, procedures, budget guidance, acquisitions guidance, and standards; assess and address the needs of the city information technology workforce; develop and implement information technology services; and identify and consolidate information technology services for common use.

1) The chief information officer may work with the director of the department of finance and management to incorporate technology purchasing and budgeting policy and guidance into its purchasing and budgeting guidance, forms and procedures.

2) The department shall promulgate policies, forms, procedures, guidance, standards, and/or services pursuant to division (b)(1) in a form and manner it determines with which all city offices, departments, councils, boards, commissions and all other subdivisions of the city shall comply. All such policies, forms, procedures, guidance, standards and services shall be clearly marked as such.

3) The city attorney, city auditor, city council, and city boards and commissions not under the direction or appointment of the mayor may elect to participate in and adopt the department's policies, guidance, and standards promulgated pursuant to division (b)(2) and/or the services provided pursuant to division (b)(3).

4) The department may adopt policies and standards governing the security and use of its services, with which city users of its services shall comply as a condition of such use. The department shall adopt policies, standards and/or terms governing the security and use of its services by non-city entities, with which such users of its services shall contractually comply.

d) The chief information officer may work with the director of the department of finance and management to establish technology standards for the construction, renovation, outfitting, and security of facilities or other real property, and to establish technology standards for the purchase and outfitting of motor vehicles.

e) Subject to approval of city council, the chief information officer shall work with the director of the department of finance and management to establish methods of funding and allocating the costs of the operations of the department, which may include charges for certain services under certain conditions with which users of those services shall comply.

f) The department shall perform all other lawful functions as directed by the mayor or ordinance of council.

225.011 Cybersecurity program established.

a) There is hereby established a citywide information technology cybersecurity program within the department of technology. The chief information officer shall appoint a city chief information security officer to oversee the program who shall serve as a deputy director.

b) The program shall have as its primary purpose compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64 including safeguarding city data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity. The program shall apply to city offices, departments, councils, boards, commissions and all other subdivisions of the city.

c) The program shall fulfill the obligations set forth in section 9.64 of the Ohio Revised Code and as it may be amended. The program shall fulfill legislative authority for cybersecurity incident and ransomware incident notification obligations on behalf of city council

225.02 Duties of director.

The director shall be appointed by the mayor and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor at a salary fixed by ordinance of council. The director shall have all powers, duties connected with, and incident to the appointment, regulation, and government of the department of technology. A designated deputy director shall serve in the absence of the director.

225.03 Information services division. ~~Reserved.~~

There is hereby established within the Department of Technology an Information Services Division. The administrative head of the division shall be a deputy director of the Department of Technology, appointed by and serving under the direction of the Director of Technology.

The Information Services Division shall support the Department of Technology in carrying out its mission by providing, managing, and supporting citywide information technology services, systems, platforms, infrastructure, applications, and related services for city offices, departments, boards, commissions, and other subdivisions of the city, as authorized by this chapter or ordinance of council.

The division shall perform such additional duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Director of Technology, consistent with the purposes and functions of the department.

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