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Background: This ordinance authorizes a supplemental appropriation of \$215,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the

Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund; authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the third year of a three-year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and Dana & Pariser L.P.A, commencing August 3, 2008 through August 2, 2009, for the provision of collection services for the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court; authorizes an expenditure of \$620,000.000.

On July 31, 2006, ordinance 1389-2006 was passed by Columbus City Council authorizing a three year contract for collections services.

The second tier collection services have been ongoing since 1998. These services have been very successful in collecting fines and costs that would otherwise be uncollectible. Since the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's office does not have the resources in-house to adequately pursue these services, the Clerk of Court believes it is in the City's best interest to out-source the collection services. The contracts are self-funding in that the percentage charged for collecting the receivables is added to the total debt collected, pursuant to ORC 2335.24; thereby, negating any costs to the City of Columbus for this service.

Contract Compliance Number:

Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP: 74-2864602, Expires 1/29/2009

Dana & Pariser L.P.A.: 31-1465711, Expires 5/21/2010

Fiscal Impact: The contracts are self-funding and will result in additional revenues to the general fund. No payment of services will be made until monies for the collection of the accounts receivables are deposited with the Municipal Court Clerk and subsequently with the City Treasurer. Funds totaling \$405,000.000 are available in the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund budget appropriations; the supplemental appropriation of \$215,000.00 shall be available as funds are deposited into said fund.

To authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$215,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund; to authorize and direct the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the third year of a three year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and Dana & Pariser L.P.A, for the provision of collection services; to authorize an expenditure up to \$620,000.00 from the Clerk's collection fund. (\$620,000.00)

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and Dana & Pariser L.P.A. to continue to collect the accounts receivables for the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court; and,

Whereas, on July 31, 2006, ordinance 1389-2006 was passed by Columbus City Council authorizing a three year contract for collections services.

Whereas, passage of this ordinance will appropriate said funds within the unappropriated balance of the collection fund; and

Whereas, the second year of the three year contract expires August 2, 2008; and

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

Section 1. That the Franklin County Municipal Court is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the third year of a three year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and Dana & Pariser L.P.A. to collect the Municipal Court Clerk's accounts receivables.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund, and from all monies estimated to be deposited into said fund, the sum of \$215,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated within fund 295, sub fund 02, department 2601, oca code 261295, object level one 03, object level three - 3336.

Section 3. That the expenditure of \$310,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund, fund 295, subfund 02, department 2601, oca 261295, object level one 03, object level three - 3336 to contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and that the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw warrants upon the treasury for services there under upon receipt of invoices from the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk.

Section 4. That the expenditure of \$310,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund, fund 295, subfund 02, oca 261295, object level one 03, object level three - 3336 to contract

with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. and that the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw warrants upon the treasury for services there under upon receipt of invoices from the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk.

Section 5. That the contracts were awarded pursuant to the provisions of the Columbus City Codes, Chapter 329, Section 329.13.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.