



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Service is responsible for snow and ice control and removal on the city's roadway system. The city uses rock salt extensively in these operations. It is necessary for the Department of Public Service to have the ability to purchase rock salt for the 2015 - 2016 winter season.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has established its annual cooperative purchasing contract, Contract No. 18, which allows participating government agencies to purchase rock salt from a selected vendor. ODOT bid the cooperative purchasing contract as a cooperative contract for use by other governmental agencies, in accordance with Chapter 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code. The vendor selected by the Ohio Department of Transportation was Cargill Inc.

This legislation authorizes the appropriation of monies within the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund within the Department of Public Service and also authorizes the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders with Cargill Inc. for the Department of Public Service. The funding authorized by this ordinance is for expenses that will occur during the winter months of 2015-2016. Ordinance 1410-2010 authorizes the city to participate in these cooperative purchasing agreements subject to council approval.

The Department of Public Service previously requested authorization to purchase rock salt for the 2015-2016 winter season by way of ordinance 0695-2015. That ordinance authorized the expenditure of \$2,000,000.00 for rock salt. The intention of that legislation was to pay for the salt Public Service needs for the upcoming winter season. After the contract was awarded it was determined the price per ton was higher than projected. Due to the increased price per ton Public Service needs additional funds to ensure adequate salt will be available during the winter season. This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of an additional \$238,795.00 for rock salt. This ordinance brings the Public Service total amount authorized to expend on rock salt for the 2015-2016 winter season to \$2,238,795.00.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

\$238,795.00 was not originally budgeted for this expenditure but it is available in the Department of Public Service Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund, Fund 265.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to make funds available as soon as practical to ensure rock salt is available for the upcoming winter season.

To appropriate \$238,795.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders with Cargill, Inc. for rock salt.; to authorize the expenditure of \$238,795.00 from the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$238,795.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service is responsible for snow and ice control and removal on the city's roadway system; and

WHEREAS, rock salt is used in this operation; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Purchasing Contract has been established by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), namely Contract Number 18, for use by the state's public entities, for the option to purchase rock salt for the 2015-2016 winter season; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ordinance 1410-2010 the city is authorized to participate in these cooperative purchasing agreements subject to council approval; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of funds in the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish purchase orders for the purchase of rock salt;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to order rock salt to ensure that it is available for the upcoming winter season, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of \$238,795.00 be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund, Fund 265, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, to the Division of Infrastructure Management, Department-Division No. 59-11, as follows:

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SECTION 2. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to establish blanket purchase orders with Cargill, Inc. for rock salt on behalf of the Department of Public Service Division of Infrastructure Management.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$238,795.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and hereby is authorized to be expended as follows:

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SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 7. That for the reasons 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 after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.