



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health provides chlamydia and gonorrhea testing for patients of the STD Clinic and various other clinics in the City of Columbus. Columbus Public Health uses a highly effective DNA probe test kit for chlamydia and gonorrhea testing. The DNA probe test kit has higher sensitivity, specificity, and transportability characteristics than other types of testing methods. Gen-Probe is the sole provider of the DNA probe test kit, which is the only FDA approved test kit available in the United States. This ordinance authorizes the purchase of test kits in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.

Columbus Public Health, as a public health agency, receives discounted pricing for these DNA Probe test kits.

Gen-Probe's contract compliance number is 330767987 and it expires 3/11/16.

Emergency action is requested to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients of various clinics.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this purchase is budgeted in the 2014 Health Special Revenue Fund.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish a purchase order with Gen-Probe for the purchase of Chlamydia and gonorrhea test kits for Columbus Public Health in accordance with sole source provisions of the City Code; to authorize the expenditure of \$85,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$85,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health provides chlamydia and gonorrhea testing for patients of the STD Clinic and various other clinics in the City of Columbus; and,

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health is in need of DNA test kits to provide the chlamydia and gonorrhea testing; and,

**WHEREAS,** Gen-Probe is the sole supplier of DNA probe test kits; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with Gen-Probe to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits, all for the immediate preservation of 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 Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with Gen-Probe for the purchase of Chlamydia and gonorrhea test kits for Columbus Public Health.

**SECTION 2.** That the total expenditure of \$85,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 02, Object Level Three 2293, OCA Code 502054.

**SECTION 3.** That this purchase is in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code.

**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 for 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.