



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) for the provision of licensed humane agents to perform animal cruelty investigations within the City of Columbus. These investigations are consistent with the duties outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1717 in order to protect at-risk animals in the community. As part of this program, CAHS shall notify the appropriate legal authorities of any affirmed animal abuse and neglect, as well as any suspected abuse toward people.

Emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of these services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Monies for this contract were made available in the 2005 budget for the Health Special Revenue Fund.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with the Capital Area Humane Society to provide licensed humane agents to conduct animal cruelty investigations within the City of Columbus for the protection of at-risk animals in the community, to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to enter into a contract with the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) for the provision of animal cruelty investigations within the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, this contract will provide funding for licensed humane agents to conduct animal cruelty investigations within the City of Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of animal cruelty investigations; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to contract with the Capital Area Humane Society 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Capital Area Humane Society for animal cruelty investigation services for the period February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$25,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Division No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 501288.

SECTION 3. This contract was awarded according to provisions of Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.