



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**File #: 0483-2008, Version: 1**

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court to modify and increase the second year of the three year contract with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. to provide for the accounts receivable collection services for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk; authorizes an expenditure of up to \$120,000.00.

On July 31, 2006, ordinance 1389-2006 authorized the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court to enter into the first year of a three-year contract with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. commencing August 3, 2006 through August 2, 2007 and authorized an expenditure of \$160,000.00.

The collections services have been ongoing since 1998. These services have been very successful in collecting fines and costs; therefore, necessitating an increase in the amount of money appropriated to pay for such services. The contract is self-funding in that the percentage charged for collecting the accounts receivable 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 Modifications:**

Ordinance 1389-2006, approved July 31, 2006 by Council in the amount of \$160,000.00.

Ordinance 0974-2007, approved July 9, 2007 by Council in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Ordinance 1053-2007, approved July 9, 2007 by Council in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Ordinance 0483-2007 modification request in the amount of \$120,000.00.

**Contract Compliance Number:** Dana & Pariser L.P.A.: 31-1465711, Expires 5/24/2008

**Emergency:** Emergency declaration is requested for the continuity of the collection process.

**Fiscal Impact:** This ordinance shall result in additional revenues to the general fund. No payment of services will be made until monies for the collection of the accounts receivable are deposited with the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court and subsequently with the City Treasurer. The appropriation of \$120,000.00 is available within the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court collection fund.

To authorize and direct the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk to modify and increase the second year of a three year contract with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. for the provision of collection services; to authorize an expenditure up to \$120,000.00 from the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court collection fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$120,000.00)

**Whereas,** it is necessary to modify and increase the contract with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. to continue to collect the accounts receivables for the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court that the Clerk has determined to be uncollectible; and,

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

**Whereas,** the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court would like to expend an additional \$120,000.00 with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. for the remainder of the second year of a three year contract; and

**Whereas,** the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court has an immediate need for this service to bring in additional revenues to the general fund as well as other agencies; and,

**Whereas,** the proceeds are within the Collection Fund; and,

**Whereas**, an emergency exists in the daily operations of the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize such contract to continue the collection services without interruption, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, now therefore

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

**Section 1.** That the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court is authorized and directed to modify and increase the second year of a three year contract with Dana & Pariser L.P.A. to collect the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's accounts receivables that the Clerk has determined to be uncollectible.

**Section 2.** That the expenditure of \$120,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Clerk's collection fund, fund 295, subfund 02, department 2601, 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 of Court.

**Section 3.** That the contract was awarded pursuant to the provisions of the Columbus City Codes, Section 329.13.

**Section 4.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, where is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure, which shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approved by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.