



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to pay the City of Columbus' proportionate share for the operation and administration of the Emergency Management Agency for Franklin County (EMAFC).

The EMAFC is responsible for managing the outdoor warning siren system within Franklin County not only by coordinating siren locations but also for their maintenance, relocation replacement and activation. The Agency's operational activities also include planning for disaster recovery and public education and exercises. The city's participation with EMAFC is in accordance with State law. All activities of the agency are supported by local government funds and some federal grants. The relocation of EMAFC from Harmon Ave. to Strawberry Farms Blvd has resulted in larger than usual increases this year than previous. Emergency designation will ensure timely payments to EMAFC.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City of Columbus' proportionate share this year is approximately twenty-three percent increase over last year's expenditures. Approximately \$332,954 of this year's expenditures represents operational and administrative support and \$57,600 represents maintenance costs for the City's outdoor warning siren systems. The city's total share in 2004 was \$326,271 and \$300,289 in 2003.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to pay the City of Columbus' proportionate share for the operational and administrative support activities of the Emergency Management agency for Franklin County, and to authorize the expenditure of \$340,000 from the General Fund and \$50,554 from the Cable Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$390,554)

**WHEREAS**, the EMAFC is responsible for managing the outdoor warning siren system within Franklin County not only by coordinating siren locations but also for their maintenance, relocation replacement and activation; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time each year the EMAFC provides local communities with the amount of their proportionate share for the operational and administrative support activities of the agency; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is necessary to authorize the payment of the City of Columbus' proportionate share of \$390,554 for the management of the agency according to State law; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to expend funds for the aforementioned purpose for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and to ensure timely payments to the Franklin County Commissioners; Now, Therefore;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay the Emergency Management Agency for Franklin County for the City of Columbus' proportionate share and outdoor warning siren system maintenance costs.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$390,554, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby authorized from the Department of Public Safety as follows:

Division 3001, Fund 010, OCA Code 300178, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, Amount \$340,000. AND

Division 3002, Fund 203, OCA Code 320203, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, Amount \$50,554.

**SECTION 3.** That for the 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.

