



## Legislation Text

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**File #: 1051-2007, Version: 1**

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**Background:** This ordinance is submitted to settle a claim between Watson Wyatt & Company and the Health Department, in the amount of \$6,772.00.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funds are available within the Health Grants Fund to pay for this claim, totaling \$6,772.00.

The contract compliance number for Watson Wyatt & Company is 53-0181291 with an expiration date of 2/21/08.

To authorize and direct the City Attorney to settle the claim between Watson Wyatt & Company and the Health Department; to authorize an expenditure of \$6,772.00 from the Health Grants Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$6,772.00)

**Whereas**, the Parties hereto desire to resolve issues related to Watson Wyatt & Company's compensation rates and reimbursable expenses; and

**Whereas**, the Health Department and Watson Wyatt & Company, in good faith, have agreed to avoid the expense and time of litigation proceedings, to resolve all of their differences by agreement, and that this agreement adequately resolves all the differences between the parties;

**Whereas**, Watson Wyatt & Company has asserted and continues to assert it rendered services satisfactory to the Health Department and, but for this settlement, Watson Wyatt & Company would be entitled to payment for such services; under no circumstances shall this agreement be construed as any admission that the services were not performed by Watson Wyatt & Company or that such performance by Watson Wyatt & Company was not satisfactory; and

**Whereas**, the Health Department has denied and continue to deny any liability for certain services rendered by Watson Wyatt & Company to the Health Department and it is agreed that under no circumstances shall the agreement be construed as any admission of liability under any federal, state, or local laws; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City to settle this claim for a total amount of \$6,772.00; and

**Whereas**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to pay this settlement thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

**Section 1.** That the City Attorney be and hereby is authorized and directed to settle the claim between Watson Wyatt & Company and the Health Department by payment of \$6,772.00 as a reasonable and fair amount in the best interest of the City of Columbus.

**Section 2.** That for the purpose of paying this settlement, the expenditure is hereby authorized as follows: Fund: Health Grants Fund| Div.:50-01| Obj. Level 3:5539| OCA:500066|Grant:508001|Amount:\$6,772.00.

**Section 3.** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant upon the City Treasurer in the sum of \$6,772.00 payable to Watson Wyatt & Company upon receipt of a voucher and a release approved by the City Attorney.

**Section 4.** 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

