



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Public Service Director to establish an encumbrance within the Special Income Tax Fund to pay 2005 refuse tipping fees to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) for the Refuse Collection Division. This expense is necessary to dispose of the refuse collected by the division.

Fiscal Impact: \$12,187,000.00 is budgeted in the Special Income Tax Fund to pay for the disposal of refuse. Actual annual tipping fees totaled \$10,787,906.67, \$10,551,338.72 and \$10,916,155.71 for 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The 2004 authorization for tipping fees totals \$11,267,000.00. Through October 2004, the Division has spent \$9,153,802.65 to dispose of refuse.

Formal competitive bidding requirements must be waived because refuse disposal services other than those provided by SWACO are available in the marketplace. However, the City is contractually obligated to tip at SWACO facilities. Tipping fee rates are determined by SWACO. SWACO notified the Refuse Collection Division of tipping fee rate increases for 2005, 2006 and 2007. Tipping fee increases applicable to the Refuse Collection Division for 2005 will average about 8.6 percent. The Refuse Collection Division disposes of approximately 338,000 tons of refuse annually paying rates that vary by tipping location.

This 2005 expense is budgeted within the Special Income Tax Fund.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid delays in payment to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) that may result in the Refuse Collection Division incurring an interest penalty.

To authorize the Public Service Director to establish an encumbrance in this amount to pay 2005 refuse tipping fees to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for the Refuse Collection Division pursuant to an existing lease agreement; to authorize the expenditure of \$12,187,000.00 from the Special Income Tax Fund; to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the City Code and to declare an emergency. (\$12,187,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Refuse Collection Division must encumber funds to continue refuse tipping at the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio's facilities pursuant to the lease agreement between the City and the Authority for those facilities; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Refuse Collection Division, Public Service Department, in that it is immediately necessary to establish an encumbering document with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for refuse disposal in 2005, thereby preserving 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 Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to establish an encumbrance with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for 2005 refuse tipping services for the Refuse Collection Division at the various rate charges assigned to each tipping location and any legal subsequently adjusted rates.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$12,187,000.00.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and hereby is authorized from the Special Income Tax Fund, Fund 430, Department No. 59-02, Public Service Department, Refuse Collection Division, Object Level One Code 03, Object Level Three Code 3389 and OCA Codes as follows:

OCA CODE	AMOUNT
590067	\$ 10,000
593707	1,075,000

593715	1,563,100
593723	839,800
593731	278,700
593756	204,400
593772	26,300
593806	900
590083	57,600
593947	688,000
593954	1,926,200
593962	893,600
593988	209,000
594135	214,400
590091	42,200
594333	695,000
594341	1,904,200
594358	1,111,400
594366	276,600
594374	15,000
594382	140,000
594408	5,300
594499	10,300
Total Tipping Fee Allocation	\$ 12,187,000

SECTION 4. That in accordance with Section 329.27 of the Columbus City Code, City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus that Section 329.06 relating to formal competitive bidding requirements be waived and hereby waives said section.

SECTION 5. That for the 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.