



## Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to allow the distribution of Com-Til and other compost products free of charge to City agencies and other municipalities and for promotional and agricultural opportunities, as needed when there is surplus of Com-Til and other compost products throughout the year based on production and market supply and demand. Com-Til products are Ohio EPA regulated Exception Quality (EQ) composted biosolids used as organic fertilizers and soil conditioners produced under strict engineering controls from City of Columbus wastewater treatment plants (biosolids) and part of the City of Columbus' green beneficial biosolids reuse program. Due to processing of the biosolids there may be times throughout the year that there is a surplus of Com-Til inventory and the City of Columbus needs to be able to distribute this green product in order to continue processing of biosolids in an efficient manner.

Ordinance 1042-94 authorized the Director of Public Utilities to sell Com-Til products but did not provide a mechanism to distribute free of charge Com-Til products for promotional and agricultural opportunities when there is excess inventory. Distributing excess Com-Til inventory to City agencies and other municipalities, helps to improve their landscapes/gardens/soils and it is beneficial to the City of Columbus continued green initiatives. Distribution of Com-Til inventory to research organizations assists the City of Columbus by providing additional research information on the use and value of our Com-Til products.

The Director of Public Utilities needs the flexibility to manage the changing inventory of composted biosolids by allowing the distribution of Com-Til products free of charge to City agencies, other municipalities, and for promotional and agricultural end uses when there is a surplus of inventory.

**Contract Compliance:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** There will be no fiscal impact.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to distribute excess inventory of Com-Til and other composted products free of charge to City agencies and other municipalities, and for promotional and agricultural uses based on production and market supply and demand, and to allow Com-Til products to be free of charge to research organizations, for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, due to processing of the biosolids there may be times throughout the year that there is a surplus of Com-Til inventory based on production and market supply and demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus needs to be able to distribute this green product in order to continue processing of biosolids in an efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1042-94 authorized the Director of Public Utilities to sell Com-Til products but not a mechanism to distribute Com-Til products when there is excess inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, distribution of excess Com-Til inventory to City agencies and municipalities helps to promote their landscapes, gardens and soil and the City of Columbus Com-Til products and green initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, distribution of Com-Til inventory to research organizations assists the City of Columbus in additional

research and documentation from these studies in use and value of our Com-Til products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Utilities needs the flexibility to manage the changing inventory of composted biosolids by allowing the distribution of Com-Til products free of charge to City agencies other municipalities, and for promotional and agricultural uses when there is a surplus of inventory; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and he is hereby authorized to distribute surplus Com-Til inventory free of charge to City agencies, other municipalities and for promotional and agricultural uses based on production and market supply and demand. That Com-Til products can be provided to research organizations free of charge to provide the City with additional product information.

**SECTION 2.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.