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Legislation Text

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Background: The Transportation Division is responsible for street cleaning in Columbus. Debris gathered as a result of street cleaning, brush clearing, and other street maintenance activities is dumped at the landfill operated by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), cc#31-1338559. This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$218,100.00 for tipping fees at SWACO's landfill. This legislation also waives the formal competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code. Even though refuse disposal services are available in the market place other than those offered by SWACO, competitive bidding must be waived because the City's contract with SWACO mandates that the City of Columbus utilize SWACO's tipping facilities. Tipping fee rates are determined by SWACO.

Fiscal Impact: The Transportation Division budgeted \$218,100.00 in the 2005 operating budget of the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund. Tipping fee expenses were \$160,000.00 and \$192,000.00 in 2003 and 2004, respectively for tipping fees.

Emergency action is necessary to ensure that funds are readily available and that there is no lapse in service or late fee assessed.

To authorize the Finance Director to establish a purchase order with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for tipping fees for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$218,100.00 from the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund; to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code, and to declare an emergency. (\$218,100.00)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division is responsible for maintenance of roadways in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, debris collected from the street cleaning activities must be dumped at an approved landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division must use the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio to dispose of refuse and debris removed from city streets and right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, the formal competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code must be waived; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Public Service Department, Transportation Division, in that it is immediately necessary to establish an encumbrance to pay tipping fees to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and ensure that there is no lapse in service or late fee assessed, 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 Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to establish a purchase order with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, Department 1833, Columbus, Ohio 43271, for payment of refuse tipping fees in accordance with the applicable specifications on file in the Office of the Public Service Director, which are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the tipping fees, the sum of \$218,100.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and hereby is authorized to be expended from Fund 265, the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 03, Object Level Three Code 3389 and OCA Code 599120 to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with Section 327.27 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 4. 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.