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Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk to modify and increase the first year of the three year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP to provide for the accounts receivable collection services for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk; authorizes an expenditure of up to \$75, 000.00.

On July 31, 2006, ordinance 1389-2006 authorized the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court to enter into the first year of a three-year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP commencing August 3, 2006 through August 2, 2007 and authorized an expenditure of \$195,000.00.

The collections services have been ongoing since 1998. These services have been very successful in collecting fines and costs; therefore, necessitating an increase in the amount of money appropriated to pay for such services. The contract is self-funding in that the percentage charged for collecting the accounts receivable is added to the total debt collected, pursuant to ORC 2335.24; thereby, negating any costs to the City of Columbus for this service.

This company is not debarred according to the excluded party listing system of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved finding for recovery certified search.

Contract Compliance Number: Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP: 74-2864602, Expires 1/29/2009

Emergency: Emergency declaration is requested for the continuity of the collection process.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance shall result in additional revenues to the general fund. No payment of services will be made until monies for the collection of the accounts receivable are deposited with the Clerk and subsequently with the City Treasurer. The appropriation of \$75,000.00 is available within the Clerk's collection fund.

To authorize and direct the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk to modify and increase the contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP for the provision of collection services; to authorize an expenditure up to \$75,000.00 from the Clerk's collection fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

Whereas, it is necessary to modify and increase the contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP to continue to collect the accounts receivable for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk that the Clerk has determined to be uncollectible; and,

Whereas, the first year of the three year contract expires August 2, 2007; and

Whereas, the Clerk would like to expend an additional \$75,000.00 with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP for the remainder of the first year of a three year contract; and

Whereas, the proceeds are within the collection fund; and

Whereas, the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk has a immediate need for this service to bring in additional revenues to the general fund as well as other agencies; and,

Whereas, an emergency exists in the daily operations of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk, in that it is immediately necessary to modify and increase said contract to continue the collection services without interruption, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, now therefore

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

Section 1. That the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk is authorized and directed to modify and increase the first year of a three year contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP to collect the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's accounts receivable that the Clerk has determined to be uncollectible.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$75,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Clerk's collection fund, department 2601, fund 295, oca 261295, object level one 03, object level three - 3336 to contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and that the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw warrants upon the treasury for services there under upon receipt of invoices from the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk.

Section 3. That the contract was awarded pursuant to the provisions of Section 329.13 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, where is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure, which shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approved by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.