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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Meijer Inc. for over-payment of water and sewer charges. The customer has a credit balance of \$24,998.95 due to an adjustment resulting from bills for high estimated meter readings at 775 Georgesville Rd. since June 16, 2008. The meter is located inside the property and inspection staff were not able to gain access to obtain a meter reading because the property was locked and vacant. The last inside actual meter reading was taken on April 16, 2008 the reading was 318 the next actual reading was not obtained until May 15, 2013 it read 325. The account was billed estimated usage between the two actual readings; the last billed estimated reading on the Meijer Inc account was April 15 2013 the estimated reading was 4508. Meijer Inc. was over billed a total of 4183 CCF'S of water and sewer. The total adjusted water charges were \$24,998.95. The total refund the customer is entitled to due to subsequent billing from the date of adjustment is \$24,998.95.

It is requested that this legislation be handled in an emergency manner in order to reimburse the customer at the earliest possible date.

Contract Compliance is not required as this refund is necessary to our customer to whom we have agreed to provide water services.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no budgetary impact because we are returning a portion of funds the customer paid. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse Meijer Inc. for over-payment of water and sewer charges; to authorize a revenue reduction transaction of \$24,998.95; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Meijer Inc. for over-payment of water and sewer consumption, and

WHEREAS, the adjustment was made after the customer paid for 4183 CCF of water and sewer consumption when they should have been charged 7 CCF of water and sewer consumption since April 16, 2008, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse the Meijer Inc. for water and sewer charges, in order to reimburse them at the earliest possible date, for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to reimburse Meijer Inc., DPU account # 201970-1086037, for water and sewer charges.

Section 2. That a revenue reduction transaction in the total amount of \$24,998.95 or as much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from:

Water Operating Fund 600, Dept. 60-09, \$9,952.97

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650, Dept. 60-05, \$15,045.98

Section 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.