



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance amends the current authorized strength, as set forth in ordinance 0229-2010, by adding a new Department of Building and Zoning Services. The new department will be supported by revenues generated through the issuance of building permits and licenses, and as such, no general fund moneys are involved.

To staff the new department, all positions currently on the building services fund (also known as fund 240) in the Department of Development are being transferred. This includes the six (6) FT and one (1) PT other city sanctioned position in the Development Administration Division (44-01) and the one hundred seventeen (117) FT and five (5) PT other city sanctioned positions in the Building Services Division (44-03). Moneys were budgeted for all the aforementioned positions in the Development Department. Legislation is being concurrently submitted which establishes the new department and transfers said budget authority to cover the transferred positions to ensure that provision of services can commence on May 1, 2010.

In addition to the inter-departmental transfers, this ordinance authorizes increasing the other city sanctioned authorized strength of the new department by five (5) FT positions. This will allow the department to increase their actual strength more easily should it be needed to respond to the demands of a stabilizing building market. Since not budgeted, these additional positions will not be filled unless revenues are sufficient in the building services fund to support them.

This ordinance also eliminates references to the Neighborhood Services Division and The Office of Education, both of which were abolished in 2009.

Finally, this ordinance increases the general fund sanctioned FT strength in the Civil Service Commission by one (1). This is being done as a temporary measure to allow the Commission to fill an upcoming vacancy while the job is still occupied by the previous employee (who plans to retire in the upcoming weeks). This is necessary to provide the new employee with training on the CHRIS system.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

All but the additional five (5) positions are currently budgeted in other divisions. Funding is being transferred from the division of origin to the new Department of Building and Zoning Services in companion legislation. The five (5) expansion positions will not be filled unless it is demonstrated that sufficient revenues have been generated to support them. The temporary increase in the Civil Service Commission's general fund strength will be absorbed by filling the eventual vacancy at a lower hourly rate than was paid prior.

To establish a new authorized strength ordinance for the new Department of Building and Zoning Services; to transfer all full-time and part-time other city sanctioned strength funded by the building services fund from the Development Administration and Building Services Divisions to the new department; to change name of the "Building Services Division" to the "Code Enforcement Division"; to eliminate reference to the Neighborhood Services Division and the Office of Education; to increase the Civil Service Commission's general fund sanctioned full-time strength, to repeal ordinance 0229-2010; and to declare an emergency. **(REPEALED BY ORDINANCE 1159-2010 PASSED 07/26/2010)**

**WHEREAS**, companion legislation is being submitted which creates the new Department of Building and Zoning Services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the current authorized strength ordinance to include the aforementioned new department; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance amends authorized strength ordinance 0229-2010 to include the new Department of Building and Zoning Services (43-01); and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance amends authorized strength ordinance 0229-2010 to rename the Building Services Division (44-03) to Code Enforcement Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Service Division (44-05) and the Office of Education (40-04) were abolished in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to eliminate reference to the Neighborhood Service Division and the Office of Education in the authorized strength ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to increase the Civil Service Commission's general fund sanctioned FT strength by one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to establish a new authorized strength ordinance to provide for the efficient operation of the city, and for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, Therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to Section 14, of the City Charter, the maximum number of officers and employees authorized to be employed within the various Departments, Boards and Offices of the City and hereby fixed and established as follows:

- 1- Refer to attachment ord0459-2010currentstrength.xls
- 2- Refer to attachment ord0459-2010previousstrength.xls

The foregoing positions authorized include all positions within each department, division, board, office or commission, whether appointed or elected except the members of any board or commission authorized by charter or ordinance.

No Appointing Authority shall appoint full-time or part-time personnel in excess of the maximum permitted by this ordinance unless authorized by ordinance of City Council.

**SECTION 2.** Such of the positions within the Division of Fire as the Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief shall designate, shall be within the uniformed ranks and all other positions therein shall be deemed civilian positions, provided there shall not be in excess of five (5) Fire Assistant Chiefs and there shall not be in excess of four (4) Fire Deputy Chiefs; as a normal complement in excess of thirty-four (34) Fire Battalion Chiefs nor as a temporary complement in excess of thirty-five (35) Fire Battalion Chiefs at any one time; fifty-six (56) Fire Captains nor as a temporary complement in excess of fifty-nine (59) Fire Captains at any one time; one (1) Fire Chief; and one-hundred ninety six (196) Fire Lieutenants. The complements of fire captains and fire lieutenants are intended to be temporary, subject to review and change at any time.

Such of the positions within the Division of Police as the Director of Public Safety and the Police Chief shall designate, shall be within the uniformed ranks and all other positions therein shall be deemed civilian positions, provided there shall not be, as a normal complement, in excess of eighteen (18) Police Commanders nor as a temporary complement in excess of nineteen (19) Police Commanders at any one time; one (1) Police Chief; in excess of, as a normal complement six (6) Police Deputy Chiefs nor as a temporary complement in excess of seven (7) Police Deputy Chiefs at any one time; in excess of, as a normal complement, fifty-seven (57) Police Lieutenants nor as a temporary complement; in excess of fifty-nine (59) Police Lieutenants at any one time; in excess of, as a normal complement; two hundred twenty-five (225) Police Sergeants nor as a temporary complement in excess of two hundred twenty-nine (229) Police Sergeants at any one time.

**SECTION 3.** Temporary appointments are not subject to the authorized strength ordinance. Additionally, limited appointments made to cover full-time and part-time employees on authorized leave (injury, disability or military leave) are not subject to the authorized strength ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That Ordinance No. 0229-2010 and all other ordinances relative to the authorization of employees for any department, division, board or commission and all other ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**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

