



Legislation Text

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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 up to \$275,000.00 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 of the City's contractual relationship with SWACO. Fees are determined based on SWACO's rate setting process in which the City of Columbus has participated, based upon its membership on the SWACO Board.

Monies are available in the Transportation Division's 2008 Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund appropriation for this expenditure. Tipping fee expenses were \$155,000.00 and \$295,000.00 in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

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

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to establish a purchase order with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for landfill use by the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$275,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed from the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund; to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency. (\$275,000.00)

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, it is necessary to ensure that funds are available and there is no lapse in service or late fee assessed; and

WHEREAS, the provision of Columbus City Code Section 329.06 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 pay tipping fees to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, 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, in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00, for payment of tipping fees for the Transportation Division at the various rate charges assigned to each tipping location and any legal subsequently adjusted rates.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the tipping fees, the sum of \$275,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund, Fund 265, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 03, Object Level Three Code 3389, OCA Codes 599120 (\$250,000.00) and 599161 (\$25,000.00) to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with Section 329.27 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.