



## Legislation Text

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### **Background:**

This legislation authorizes Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court ("Municipal Court Clerk") to enter into the third year of a three (3) year contract, with three (3) consecutive one (1) year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, and the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office; authorizes an appropriation and an expenditure up to \$350,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection fund.

Ordinance 1009-2023 authorized the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the second year of a three (3) year contract, with three (3) consecutive one (1) year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, and the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office; authorizes an appropriation and an expenditure up to \$400,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection fund.

Ordinance 0846-2022 authorized the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the first year of a three (3) year contract, with three (3) consecutive one (1) year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, and the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office; authorized an appropriation and an expenditure of \$400,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection fund.

### **Bid Information:**

The Municipal Court Clerk's Office solicited formal competitive bids through RFQ020842 for collection services, in accordance with Columbus City Code. The Municipal Court Clerk's Office received four (4) proposals. The proposals were reviewed by a committee of three (3) and evaluated in accordance with the committee's criteria. The committee selected the four highest scored companies. In agreement with the committee, the Municipal Court Clerk awarded the bid to the four collection companies listed below:

Apelles, LLC; Contract Compliance # 41-2104380; Expiration Date: 10/20/25; Vendor # 007901

Capital Recovery Systems Inc.: Contract Compliance # 31-1570459; Expiration Date: 04/28/2024; Vendor # 005578

Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP; Contract Compliance # 74-2864602; Expiration Date: 04/18/2025; Vendor # 010047

The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA; Contract Compliance #35-2353532; Expiration Date: 01/09/2026  
Vendor # 017436

### **Contracts:**

Ordinance: 0846-2022: \$400,000.00

Ordinance: 1009-2023; \$400,000.00

Ordinance: 0307-2024; \$350,000.00

**Fiscal Impact:** The contracts are self-funding in that the percentage charged for collecting the receivables is added to the total debt collected, pursuant to ORC 2335.24, ORC 2335.19 and Ordinance 0130-2009, thereby negating costs to the City of Columbus for this service.

To authorize an appropriation of \$350,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection Fund; to authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the third year of three-year contracts with Apelles LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for the provision of collection services; and to authorize an expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection Fund. (\$350,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to enter into the third year of a three (3) year contract, with three (3) consecutive one (1) year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, and the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court to authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into said contracts for the collection services without interruption, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Franklin County Municipal Court is hereby authorized to enter into the third year of a three (3) year contract, with three (3) consecutive one (1) year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. and Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for the provision of collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Municipal Court Clerk's collection fund, and from all monies estimated to be deposited into said fund, the sum of \$350,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated within Fund 2295 (Collection Fund), sub fund 229502, Department-Division 2601 (Municipal Court Clerk), Object Class 03 (Contractual Services).

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$350,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2295 (Collection Fund), Department-Division 2601 (Municipal Court Clerk), Object Class 03 (Contractual Services), per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.