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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$95,814.60 for the Division of Police to pay prisoner medical bills to Ohio Health Corporation, dba Riverside Methodist Hospital. The Division of Police is responsible for medical care provided to prisoners in police custody (i.e. before being taken to the Franklin County Jail). The Division of Police works with the City Attorney's office to determine if individuals were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices.

Contract Compliance: 31-4394942 - NPO

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested for this ordinance in order to pay outstanding prisoner medical bills.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$95,814.60 from the General Fund for payment of prisoner medical bills to Ohio Health Corporation, dba Riverside Methodist Hospital. The Division of Police budgeted \$375,000.00 in the 2009 General Fund budget for medical services for prisoners. Thus far in 2009, almost \$136,000.00 has been encumbered or expended for these medical claims. The Division spent approximately \$363,000.00 for prisoner medical bills in 2008.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to authorize payment of prisoner medical bills to Ohio Health Corporation, dba Riverside Methodist Hospital, for the Division of Police, to authorize the expenditure of \$95,814.60 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$95,814.60)

WHEREAS, individuals were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Attorney's office and the Division of Police findings, the Division is responsible for the medical bills; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary for payment of medical invoices to Ohio Health Corporation d.b.a. Riverside Methodist Hospital for the preservation of public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Ohio Health Corporation d.b.a. Riverside Methodist Hospital for prisoner medical bills.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$95,814.60, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

<u>DIV</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>OBJ LEV (1)</u>	<u>OBJ LEV (3)</u>	<u>OCA#</u>
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SECTION 3. 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 enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.