



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to renew the Division of Sewerage and Drainage's (DOSD) membership with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2023-2024. NACWA represents the interests of the country's wastewater treatment agencies, maintains a key role in the development of environmental legislation, and works closely with federal regulatory agencies in the implementation of environmental programs. NACWA is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy and a sought-after technical resource on water quality and ecosystem protection. The membership renewal will provide direct and timely access to this information. The membership is for one (1) year, from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

SUPPLIER:

National Association of Clean Water Agencies | Federal EIN 23-7088488 | D365 Vendor #001878 | Non-Profit Organization

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$68,000 is needed for the membership dues, while only \$57,865 was budgeted. Expected surplus in the services object class will more than cover the difference.

\$0.00 has been spent in 2023
\$53,140.00 was spent in 2022
\$50,130.00 was spent in 2021

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: The Department of Public Utilities respectfully requests this legislation be considered in order to avoid a lapse in the department's timely and direct access to information.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to renew the membership with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and to authorize the expenditure of \$68,000.00 from the Sewer Operating Sanitary Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$68,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew the Division of Sewerage and Drainage's membership with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, NACWA represents the interests of the country's wastewater treatment agencies, maintains a key role in the development of environmental legislation, works closely with federal regulatory agencies in the implementation of environmental programs, and is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy and sought-after technical resource on water quality and ecosystem protection; and

WHEREAS, membership provides direct and timely access to this information and other NACWA resources; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of \$68,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100, Sewer Operating Sanitary Fund, in object class 03, Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance; 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 pay the NACWA membership fee, without delay, that failure to pay this fee will disrupt the department's timely and direct access to information all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to renew the membership to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, 1130 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20036-2505, for 2023-2024, for the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$68,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100, Sewer Operating Sanitary Fund, in object class 03, Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

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.