



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000.00 within the General Fund for membership dues and subscriptions for various organizations. The City maintains memberships with various national, state and regional organizations. The Department of Finance & Management processed ordinance 0925-2014 earlier this year, which authorized the expenditure of \$100,000 for membership dues and subscriptions. However, since the passage of this ordinance it has become evident that additional funding is necessary due to greater than anticipated increases in 2014 costs. This ordinance therefore authorizes the establishment of purchase orders and subsequent payments to the National League of Cities, the Ohio Municipal League, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the African American Mayors Association, the National Civic League, Hannah News Service, the Government Finance Officers' Association, the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and other professional organizations. As a member of these organizations, the City of Columbus receives many benefits including, but not limited to seminars, publications, and access to a nationwide pool of municipal leaders who share similar challenges, concerns, and initiatives.

**Emergency action** is requested such that these important memberships continue without interruption, as they are year-long subscriptions and memberships.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds are budgeted within the Department of Finance and Management, Financial Management Division General Fund for citywide membership dues.

To authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to establish purchase orders for the payment of annual membership dues for the City of Columbus for the National League of Cities, the Ohio Municipal League, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the African American Mayors Association, the National Civic League, Hannah News Service, the Government Finance Officers' Association, the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and other professional organizations; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the city to maintain memberships in the National League of Cities, the Ohio Municipal League, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the African American Mayors Association, the National Civic League, Hannah News Service, the Government Finance Officers' Association, the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and other professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** to maintain these memberships, the City of Columbus must pay dues totaling \$25,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** funds are budgeted within the Department of Finance and Management, Division of Financial Management's General Fund budget for citywide memberships; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Finance and Management Department, Financial Management Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to pay membership fees for various important professional organizations so these useful memberships may continue without interruption, 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 and Management Director is hereby authorized to establish purchase orders for membership dues with National League of Cities, the Ohio Municipal League, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the African American Mayors Association, the National Civic League, Hannah News Service, the Government Finance Officers' Association, the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and other professional organizations.

**SECTION 2.** That the sum of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, be and is hereby authorized to be expended as follows:

Dept/Div: 45-01  
Fund: 10  
OCA Code: 450015  
Object Level One: 03  
Object Level Three: 3333  
Amount: \$25,000.00

**SECTION 3.** That the monies in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon order of the Director of Finance and Management, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** That for 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 or vetoes the same.