



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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A total of 11.75 acres will be leased to the Franklin Park Conservatory (FPC) for the purpose of managing, scheduling and operating the community gardens including the operations and maintenance of the former caretaker's cottage located in the southeastern portion of Franklin Park, which is owned by the City of Columbus through its Recreation and Parks Department. The rent will be \$1 and the lease agreement will be in effect until July 31, 2057. The length of the lease coincides with the Joint Recreational District Agreement between the city and the Franklin Park Conservatory in which the 11.75 acres include the community gardens, but also the former caretaker's cottage. Other than when permitted for a special event, the community gardens will remain free and open to the public. The following legislation authorizes the Recreation and Parks Department to execute a lease agreement on behalf of the City.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$1

**Emergency Justification:** none

**Principal Parties:**

The Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District  
1777 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43203  
Bruce Harkey, Executive Director

**Benefits to Public:** The community gardens were developed and constructed as a direct result of the master plan for the FPC and Franklin Park. The Franklin Park Conservatory has maintained and operated the gardens and the operations of the former caretaker's cottage since completion. The lease agreement will allow the conservatory to continue operations and provide service to the public.

To authorize the City of Columbus, Ohio, which is acting by and through its Columbus Recreation and Parks Department ("City"), to enter into a Lease Agreement ("Agreement") with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District to establish managing, scheduling and operating responsibilities for a 11.75-acre portion of Franklin Park known as the Community Gardens, located at 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203, which will also include the operations and maintenance of the former caretaker's cottage situated within the designated 11.75 acres.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Ohio, which is acting by and through its Columbus Recreation and Parks Department ("City"), desires to enter into a Lease Agreement ("Agreement") with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District to establish managing, scheduling and operating responsibilities for a 11.75-acre portion of Franklin Park known as the Community Gardens, located at 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203, which will also include the operations and maintenance of the former caretaker's cottage situated within the designated 11.75 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lease Agreement is in effect until July 31, 2057; and

**WHEREAS**, the City determined that it is in its best interest to enter into an Agreement that authorizes the Franklin Park

Conservatory Joint Recreation District to operate the community Gardens; and, **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

**Section 1.** That the City of Columbus, Ohio, which is acting by and through its Columbus Recreation and Parks Department ("City"), shall be authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement ("Agreement") with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District to establish managing, scheduling and operating responsibilities for a 11.75-acre portion of Franklin Park known as the Community Gardens, located at 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203, which will also include the operations and maintenance of the former caretaker's cottage situated within the designated 11.75 acres; and

**Section 2.** That the term of this Agreement shall be valid through July 31, 2057.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.