



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Renter Mentor, LLC for services associated with the Housing for All Community Education Campaign.

In March 2021, Columbus City Council passed the Housing for All legislative package that amended Chapters 4501 and 4551 of Columbus City Code. The amendments address some of the critical affordable housing challenges within the City of Columbus by providing residents fair access and protections in the search for affordable housing. In July 2021, Columbus City Council engaged Renter Mentor to execute community events to educate residents, landlords, and other stakeholders on the changes to Columbus housing laws.

There is now a need to engage Renter Mentor again for additional community engagement services for education around the Housing for All initiative. A maximum amount of \$300 per event may go towards light snacks and beverages for individuals who attend the events. Any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in the execution of additional community education events.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Renter Mentor, LLC for services associated with the Housing for All Community Education Campaign; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, in March 2021, Columbus City Council passed the Housing for All legislative package that amended Chapters 4501 and 4551 of Columbus City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2021, Columbus City Council engaged Renter Mentor to execute community events to educate residents, landlords, and other stakeholders on the changes to Columbus housing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, there is now a need to engage Renter Mentor again for additional community engagement services for education around the Housing for All initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with Renter Mentor, LLC in order to avoid any delay in the execution of community education events; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Renter Mentor, LLC for services associated with the Housing for All Community Education Campaign.

**SECTION 2.** That Columbus City Council hereby determines that the purchase and distribution of food and beverages, as related to the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, is for a public purpose and is authorized.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$4,000.00 in the Neighborhood

Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Development per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of \$4,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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 7.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.