



Legislation Text

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In March 2021, Columbus City Council passed the Housing for All legislative package, which amended Chapters 4501 and 4551 of Columbus City Code. The amendments are intended to 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. The three ordinances include: Source of Income, Renter’s Choice and Rental Receipt Legislation.

A successful community marketing and education campaign will inform the public of the policies through a marketing campaign and community events; provide guidance to residents who seek to file complaints or have questions regarding the City’s fair housing process through a comprehensive website and a robust social media plan.

Council passed Ordinance 1528-2023 in June of 2023 to authorize the Director of Development to enter into contract with Sky Nile Consulting to provide marketing, outreach, education, and engagement services that support the Housing for All legislative package. The original contract expires on March 1, 2024. There is a need to extend the time for the contract to allow for the ability to spend all funds on the contract and continue the work of supporting Housing for All.

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to do a first modification to a professional services contract with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to extend the time frame of the existing contract to expire March 1, 2025.

Columbus City Council voted on June 12, 2023 to pass Ordinance Number 1528-2023, which authorized the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a professional services contract with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to provide marketing, outreach, education, and engagement services to support the Housing for All legislative package.

Original contract	\$200,000.00	Ord. 1528-2023	PO398154
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**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that Sky Nile Consulting LLC can invoice and spend down all funds on the current contract and continue to provide marketing, outreach, education, and engagement services for Housing for All beyond the current contract expiration of March 1, 2024 to the residents of Columbus to help address some of the critical housing challenges in the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No additional funding is required for this ordinance.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to execute a first modification to a professional service contract with Sky Nile Consulting LLC for the continued support of the Housing for All legislative package; to authorize the extension of the contract, and the new expiration date of March 1, 2025; and to declare an emergency (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to work with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to provide marketing, outreach, education, and engagement services on behalf of the Housing for All legislative package; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Development desires to execute a first amendment to a contract with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to extend the contract expiration date to be able to continue the support and outreach for the Housing for All legislative package to Columbus residents; 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 execute a first modification with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to continue to receive professional services from Sky Nile Consulting LLC without interruption beyond the current contract expiration of March 1, 2024; **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 to execute a first modification to a professional service contract with Sky Nile Consulting LLC to continue the marketing, education, and engagement campaign for the Housing for All legislative package and to extend the contract to March 1, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** That this modification is made in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes relating to contract modifications.

**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 in force from and after its approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.