



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The cooperative program of stream investigation and monitoring by the U.S. Geological Survey has been continued for several years. It provides valuable water resource data to the City at a lower cost than providing such data by other means. The program is sponsored by the Federal Government for forty percent (40%) of the cost for most of these projects.

The agreement will provide stream gauging, reservoir gauging, and groundwater monitoring for the Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. The Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage solicited a quotation from the U.S. Geological Survey in accordance with Section 329 of Columbus City Code. The period for this agreement is from October 1, 2020 to and including September 30, 2021.

ORGANIZATION: Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior (53-0196958)

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are budgeted and available from and within the 2020 Water Operating Fund, Sewer System Operating Fund, and Storm Sewer Operating Fund for this contract which totals \$341,644.00.

The Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage have participated in a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of:

\$341,644.00 2019-2020
\$340,894.00 2018-2019
\$340,894.00 2017-2018

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, for the investigation of water resources in central Ohio, including groundwater and several rivers for the Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; to authorize the expenditure of \$226,069.00 from the Water Operating Fund, \$54,175.00 from the Sewer System Operating Fund, and \$61,400.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund. (\$341,644.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue the cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, for the investigation of water resources including: Scioto River near Prospect and Shadeville; Mill Creek at Bellpoint; Bokes Creek near Warrensburg; Big Walnut Creek at Central College and Sunbury; reservoir elevations at O'Shaughnessy, Griggs, and Hoover Reservoirs; groundwater levels; and hydrologic interaction between the Scioto River and the Columbus wellfield for the Division of Water and the Scioto River near 5th Avenue and Commercial Point; Big Walnut Creek at Rees; Hellbranch Run near Harrisburg; Olentangy River near Delaware, Worthington, and OSU; and Alum Creek near Kilbourne for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, for the period of October 1, 2020 to and including September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$341,644.00 or as much thereof as may be needed, from and within Fund 6000 (Water Operating Fund), Fund 6100 (Sewer System Operating Fund), and Fund 6200 (Storm Sewer Operating Fund); and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the

Director to enter into a cooperative agreement between the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, and the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, for stream investigation and monitoring, stream gauging, reservoir gauging, groundwater monitoring and reports covering the results of said investigations by the Geological Survey for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; **now, therefore**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, for the investigation of water resources including: Scioto River near Prospect and Shadeville; Mill Creek at Bellpoint; Bokes Creek near Warrensburg; Big Walnut Creek at Central College and Sunbury; reservoir elevations at O'Shaughnessy, Griggs, and Hoover Reservoirs; groundwater levels; and hydrologic interaction between the Scioto River and the Columbus wellfield for the Division of Water and the Scioto River near 5th Avenue and Commercial Point; Big Walnut Creek at Rees; Hellbranch Run near Harrisburg; Olentangy River near Delaware, Worthington, and OSU; and Alum Creek near Kilbourne for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, for the period of October 1, 2020 to and including September 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That the expenditure of \$341,644.00 or as much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6000 (Water Operating Fund), Fund 6100 (Sewer System Operating Fund), and Fund 6200 (Storm Sewer Operating Fund); in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.