



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The City of Columbus, Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, frequently must acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right of way for various projects within the city. To expedite the right of way acquisition process the following legislation establishes a contingency fund, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners and acquire such parcels as they are identified.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available within the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund to establish a contingency fund that will be used by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to acquire miscellaneous small parcels of right of way needed for the successful completion of various projects throughout the city.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so establishment of the necessary monies can proceed without delay allowing for acquisition-related activities to begin immediately upon identification of necessary parcels.

To authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners and expend those funds necessary to acquire such parcels as they are identified; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, frequently must acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right of way for various projects within the city; and

WHEREAS, a contingency fund in the amount of \$100,000.00, is needed to be used by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners and acquire such parcels as they are identified in order to expedite the right of way acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to establish the contingency fund so acquisition-related activities can begin immediately, 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 City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be and is hereby authorized to acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right of way for various projects throughout the city as such parcels are identified.

SECTION 2. That the City Attorney be and is hereby authorized to expend \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from Fund 704, the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund for the Division of Design and Construction, Dept-Div 59-12, as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01 03 Codes / OCA / Amount

704 / 530161-100072 / Roadway Improvements - Miscellaneous ROW Acquisition / 06-6601 / 599501 / \$100,000.00

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. 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 passage and approval by the mayor, or ten days after passage if the mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.