



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$7,500 in the Neighborhood Initiative Fund for Columbus Public Health to purchase Naloxone, also known as Narcan. Columbus, along with other major cities, has been plagued by an opiate epidemic that is a crisis of unparalleled proportion, with devastating, often deadly consequences. Naloxone reverses the effects of overdose for opioids such as heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil. Columbus Public Health has been at the forefront of community partnerships to provide Narcan to City residents and train them in its use. With Columbus Public Health's commitment to fighting the opiate epidemic, additional funding has been requested to provide around 200 doses of Narcan along with the mucosal atomizer devices to administer the drug. This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$7,500 within the Neighborhood Initiative Fund.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested to ensure that Columbus Public Health is equipped with the sufficient amount of Naloxone to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Columbus.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$7,500.00 and is available in the 2017 budget within the Neighborhood Initiative Fund, Fund 1000-100018.

To appropriate \$7,500.00 within the Neighborhood Initiative Fund for Columbus Public Health to purchase Naloxone and related supplies, and to declare an emergency. (\$7,500.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health is part of a community-wide effort to address heroin and opiate use; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has need for further Naloxone and related supplies; and,

WHEREAS, \$7,500.00 is available in the Neighborhood Initiative Fund for appropriation to provide for this need; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health, in that it is necessary to purchase Naloxone and related supplies for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1: That \$7,500.00 is hereby appropriated within Fund 1000-100018 Neighborhood Initiatives Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.