



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This legislation will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks, with the approval of the Director of Finance and Management and the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into lease agreements with the Greater Columbus Rowing Association (Hereinafter "GCRA") in conjunction with their rowing activities from Griggs Boathouse and on Griggs Reservoir.

Background: This legislation will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks, with the approval of the Director of Finance and Management and the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into lease agreements with the Greater Columbus Rowing Association (Hereinafter "GCRA") in conjunction with their rowing activities from Griggs Boathouse and on Griggs Reservoir. Terms of the lease shall be for a period of five (5) years with two five (5) year extension options. GCRA utilizes Griggs Boathouse for boat storage, indoor training, locker rooms, and various club activities. GCRA offers publicly accessible rowing opportunities to our community as well as their own members. Griggs Boathouse is a shared used facility with the Recreation and Parks Rental Services Section, Ohio State University Rowing, and GCRA. GCRA has been a tenant in the space for the last ten years and the relationship has been positive. Rent terms in the lease require GCRA to pay 33.5% of all operational, maintenance, and utility costs of Griggs Boathouse.

Emergency Justification: Emergency status is requested due to the lease expiring and a desire to continue operation in the facility as normal so there is no interruption in their use of the building.

Benefits to the Public: GCRA offer classes and instruction to the public and is responsible for completing an annual community service project to benefit the reservoirs or surrounding areas.

Community Input/Issues: The club has been widely accepted as part of the diverse group of recreational enthusiasts that utilize Griggs Reservoir.

Area(s) Affected: Griggs Reservoir

Number of residents will be served by this legislation: 100+ members as well as hundreds of residents provided with the option of taking classes.

Master Plan Relation: Promoting blueways, permitting passive uses of natural areas.

Fiscal Impact: Cost reimbursement for the operation of Griggs Reservoir. Approximately \$35,000 reimbursed annually.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks, with the approval of the Director of Finance and Management and the Director of the Department of Public Utilities, to enter into lease agreements with the Greater Columbus Rowing Association in conjunction with their rowing activities from Griggs Boathouse and on Griggs Reservoir; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus owns certain real property commonly known as Griggs Boathouse, located at 3033 Thoburn Road, Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to allow the Greater Columbus Rowing Association to utilize a shared portion of the Griggs Boathouse for rowing activities associated with Griggs Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the lease has been drafted and is ready to implement to have the lease in place July 2021; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into lease agreements with the Greater Columbus Rowing Association, by July 2021 so there is no interruption in their use of the building, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the Greater Columbus Rowing Association to utilize a shared portion of Griggs Boathouse for rowing activities associated with Griggs Reservoir.

SECTION 2. That the terms and conditions of the lease shall be approved in form by the City Attorney's office.

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