



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$68,568.48 for the Division of Police to pay prisoner medical bills to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital. The Division of Police is responsible for medical care provided to prisoners in police custody. The Division of Police works with Wellcomp, former Careworks, to determine if individuals were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices. These invoices are also reviewed by our current contractor, Wellcomp, who verifies all the charges on the invoices and negotiates the cost with the hospital staff.

Contract Compliance: Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals 31-4394942 - NPO

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested for this ordinance in order to pay prisoner medical bills immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$68,568.48 from the General Fund for payment of prisoner medical bills to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital. The Division of Police budgeted \$550,000.00 in the 2016 General Fund budget for medical services for prisoners. The division spent or encumbered \$195,987.71 in 2015.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to pay prisoner medical bills to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital for the Division of Police; to authorize the expenditure of \$68,568.48 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$68,568.48)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police is responsible for the medical bills of individuals who were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to make payment of medical invoices to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital for the preservation of public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital for prisoner medical bills.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$68,568.48, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the General Fund in object class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance:
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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 enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.