



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND :** The City of Columbus, Ohio, Department of Public Utilities (“City”), is undertaking the task of increasing the safe yield of its surface water supply for the Upground Reservoir Project (CIP 690370) (“Project”). City Ordinance 0555-2005 originally authorized the Columbus City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests, contract for professional services, and to expend funds for costs related to the acquisition of the Project’s real property interests. However, in order to complete the Project, the City must acquire additional real property interests in north-western Delaware County, west of the Scioto River. Therefore, the City desires to acquire the necessary real property interests in order to complete the Project, and the following is an ordinance to authorize the Columbus City Auditor to increase the Project’s existing Auditor’s Certificate, AC024355, by Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) from the Water Permanent Improvements Fund.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE №:** Not applicable - City Attorney’s Office

**FISCAL IMPACT :** This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) from the Water Permanent Improvements Fund.

**EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION:** Emergency action is requested in order to provide for the immediate acquisition of real property interests necessary for the City’s Project, which will preserve the public health, peace, property, and safety.

To authorize the Columbus City Auditor to appropriate and increase the Upground Reservoir (CIP 690370) Project’s existing Auditor’s Certificate, AC024355, by Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) from the Water Permanent Improvements Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$450,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus, Ohio, Department of Public Utilities (“City”), is undertaking the Upground Reservoir Project (CIP 690370) (“Project”) to increase the safe yield of the City’s surface water supply;

**WHEREAS,** City Ordinance 0555-2005 originally authorized the Columbus City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests, contract for professional services, and to expend funds for costs related to the acquisition of the Project’s real property interests;

**WHEREAS,** in order to complete the Project, the City must acquire additional real property interests in the vicinity of north-western Delaware County, west of the Scioto River;

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to expend up to an additional Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) from the Water Permanent Improvements Fund, Fund 608, for the Project;

**WHEREAS ,** Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) must be added to the Project’s present Auditor’s Certificate, AC024355; and

**WHEREAS ,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City, because it is immediately necessary to authorize the Columbus City Auditor to increase the Project’s funding so that the Columbus City Attorney may continue with the acquisition of the Project’s additional real property interests, which are for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; and **now, therefore:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Columbus City Auditor is authorized to increase Auditor's Certificate, AC024355, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) for the Columbus City Attorney's acquisitions of real property interests for the Department of Public Utilities, Upground Reservoir Project (CIP 690370) ("Project").

**SECTION 2.** The appropriation and expenditure of up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$450,000.00) for the Project is from the Water Permanent Improvements Fund, Fund № 608, Dept-Div. 60-09, Project № 690370-100000 (carryover), OCA 608380, Object Level Three 6601.

**SECTION 3.** The funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish any appropriate accounting codes.

**SECTION 4.** The City Auditor is authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance from the Project account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the department administering the Project that the Project was completed and the monies are no longer required for the Project; except that no transfer shall be made from the Project account by monies from more than one source.

**SECTION 5.** The City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers, and the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for any contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** For the reasons stated in this ordinance's preamble, which is made apart of this legislation, 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 its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this legislation.