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Legislation Text

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Background: In February, 2012 Mayor Coleman announced a program to fight vacant and abandoned properties that includes a plan to aggressively target and demolish blighted structures. Ordinance 1627-2012 authorized the Director of Development to enter into contracts with asbestos testing companies to provide asbestos remediation under the program. Ordinance 2639-2012 allowed for an increase and extension of the original contracts to allow demolitions to proceed in conjunction with a new ordinance (0453-2013 passed March, 2013) for abatement, demolition, and deconstruction services of vacant structures within the municipal boundary of the City of Columbus. The contracts original terms commenced on August 1, 2012 and will end August 1, 2013. It is now necessary to amend the contracts with R3, Inc. and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC to extend the contract terms from August 1, 2013 to August 1, 2014 and to increase each contracts amount by \$30,000.00 in order to provide additional asbestos testing services.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available in the General Government Grant Fund, Move Ohio Forward grant, for this purpose.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested in order to avoid the interruption in the delivery of vital services.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to amend contracts with R3, Inc. and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC for the provision of asbestos hazard evaluation services on vacant structures within the municipal boundaries of the City of Columbus; to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Initiative, a comprehensive plan to address vacant and abandoned properties that includes a goal to demolish hundreds of structures over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, various City offices are implementing the demolition portion of the program, including the targeting of vacant and abandoned properties through tax foreclosure and seeking authorization to demolish blighted properties from the Environmental Section of the Franklin County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1627-2012 authorized the Director of Development to enter into contracts with the above asbestos testing companies to provide asbestos remediation under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to extend the contract terms from an end date of August 1, 2013 to August 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to increase and extend agreements with two vendors for asbestos testing services for a total of up to \$60,000.00 or \$30,000.00 each; and

WHEREAS, cash is currently available in the General Government Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately

necessary to amend the asbestos testing services contracts with R3, Inc. and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC in order to avoid the interruption in the delivery of vital services, all 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 the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to amend asbestos hazard evaluation services contracts EL013506 with R3, Inc. (cc# 113746960, expiration 5/16/2014, AFA) and EL013505 with Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC (cc# 261342009 expiration: 6/1/2014, FBE) by increasing each contract amount by \$30,000.00 and extending the contract terms to August 1, 2014, an additional year.

Section 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$60,000.00 from the Development Department, General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant Number 441205, Division No. 44-01, OCA Code 441205, Object Level Three 3292 is hereby authorized.

Section 3. That these contract modifications are awarded in accordance with Chapter 329.16 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.