



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the City Treasurer to modify and extend its contract with First Data Government Solutions, LP for on-line consumer payments credit card processing services for the period March 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015.

In 2004, the Income Tax Division requested proposals through the Purchasing Office and these proposals were evaluated by a committee of representatives from the Income Tax Division, the Department of Technology, the Deputy Auditor and the City Treasurer. It was determined that First Data Government Solutions, formerly GovConnect, had the municipal government experience and product that would best serve the needs of the city and its taxpayers.

It was originally intended that the initial contract for the electronic payment services provided to the Income Tax Division would be the basis for the web platform for electronic payment services to other agencies in the city. Due to these existing interfaces between the city's web platform and the e-payment engine provided by First Data Government Solutions, it was recommended that the Department of Public Utilities use their services for its electronic payment requirements. In addition, these services are now used by the Department of Public Service, Division of Planning and Operations, the Building and Zoning Services Department, the Health Department, and the Department of Public Safety, Support Services Division.

The City Treasurer's Office assumed the responsibility for the consumer payments portion of the relationship with First Data Government Solutions, LP as a banking-related service in order to consolidate the contracts under one umbrella. The Treasurer's Office is in the process of putting these services out to bid and therefore wishes to extend the contract with First Data for six months to allow the bid process to conclude.

Emergency action is requested in order that the contract may be executed so there is no interruption in credit card payment services available to the customers of the city.

Contract Compliance: First Data Government Solutions 582582959, expiration 10/24/15.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance is contingent on passage of the 2015 budget. There is sufficient budget authority within the 2015 appropriations for these expenditures.

To authorize the City Treasurer to modify and extend its contract with First Data Government Solutions, LP for electronic bill payment services on behalf of the departments of Public Utilities, Public Service, Building and Zoning Services, Health, and Public Safety; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** there is a need in the city for an electronic payment system to accommodate customers' requests for convenient and secure methods of bill payments; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Treasurer's Office wishes to modify and extend its contract with First Data Government Solutions, LP for consumer payments service contracts on behalf of multiple city agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency action is requested so there is no interruption in credit card payment services available to the customers of departments of Public Utilities, Public Service, Building and Zoning Services, Health, and Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to extend the City Treasurer's contract with First Data Government Solutions, LP for electronic bill payment services for the 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 City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to modify and extend its contract with First Data Government Solutions, LP for electronic bill payment services for various city departments for the period March 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$3,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended as follows:

Dept/Division: 3002 | Fund: 010 | OCA: 320103 | Object level one: 03 | Object level three code: 3348 | Amount: \$3,000.00 | Support Services

**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.