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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Mayor of the City of Columbus to amend the Port Authority Agreement between the City of Columbus and Franklin County. Columbus City Council, per Ordinance 0540-2006, on March 15, 2006, approved the creation of the Port Authority. The Port Authority was created to serve the economic development needs of the City and Franklin County. Formation of the Port Authority required the execution of an agreement between the City of Columbus and Franklin County to provide for the jurisdiction, governance, powers and funding of the port authority. The ordinance approved the form of the agreement and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement and provide City Council's advice and consent to the Mayor's appointments to the port authority's board of directors.

An amendment is needed to change the language in Section 3 (C) of the Agreement which limits the Port Authority from participating in a project that involves the relocation of a business from one political subdivision to another. The amended language will allow political subdivisions 30 days to object to any such project in writing once notification is issued by the Port Authority and provides clarity to the process for objections.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this amendment.

To authorize the Mayor to amend the Port Authority Agreement between the City and Franklin County for the purpose of clarifying how the Port Authority notifies political subdivisions when the Port Authority intends to participate in projects that involve the relocation of a business from one political subdivision to another and allows for political subdivisions to object to the project; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, this Council on March 15, 2006, per ordinance 0540-2006, authorized the Mayor to execute a Port Authority Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was between the City and Franklin County for the purpose of creating a new port authority to serve the economic development needs of the City and Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance also authorized the appointment of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to change the language in Section 3 (C) for the purpose of clarifying how the Port Authority notifies political subdivisions when the Port Authority intends to participate in projects that involve the relocation of a business from one political subdivision to another and allows for political subdivisions to object to the project; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to amend Section 3 (C) of the port authority agreement and to allow the port authority to continue to function with the amended language in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to allow the port authority to continue to function with the amended language in the agreement, such immediate action being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to amend the Port Authority Agreement between the City and Franklin County for the purpose of changing the language in section 3 (C) for the purpose of clarifying how the Port Authority notifies political subdivisions when the Port Authority intends to participate in projects that involve the relocation of a business from one political subdivision to another and allows for political subdivisions to object to the project.

SECTION 2. That for 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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.