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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with various contractors for grass mowing and litter control services during the 2008 season. These services are needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Columbus.

Fourteen (*City-wide*) vendors submitted the required bid packet on 2/15/08 and have been selected to participate in the weed abatement and solid waste removal program in 2008. This program is administered by the Department of Development, Neighborhood Services Division. These fourteen vendors were not only selected on their competitive hourly rates, but the selection was also based on their completion of the bid packet and their past performance and experience in the program. Of the fourteen vendors selected, four vendors are new to the program.

The eight (*Community-group*) associations and organizations do not formally submit a bid packet and are paid an equal hourly rate for their equipment and labor. Their hourly rates are based on the average hourly rates of the (*City-wide*) vendors that receive an award. The (*Community group*) organizations are also involved in cutting and maintaining street islands, medians and mini-parks throughout the City.

Emergency action is required so these services can be available at the beginning of the season.

FISCAL IMPACT: The 2008 Budget includes funding for this service.

To authorize the Development Director to enter into contracts with various contractors for grass mowing and litter control services during the 2008 season; to authorize the expenditure of \$137,390.00 from the General Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$140,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$91,000 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$368,390.00)

Whereas, grass mowing and litter control is necessary to public health; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Weed Abatement Program to clear public sites and private properties deemed in violation; and

Whereas, in order to carry out this responsibility, it is necessary to contract for grass mowing and litter control services; and

Whereas, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contracts to provide these services so these services can be available at the beginning of the season, all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, 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 authorized to enter into contracts with the vendors listed below in accordance with Columbus City Code for grass mowing and litter control services.

A-1 Swimming Pool Supplies
Clintonville/Beechwood Community Resource Center
Columbus Industrial Mowing

Columbuscapes
Cross Cutters
Curb Appeal Lawn Care
Cut It Now Lawn Care
DMS Lawn Care
Driving Park Civic Association
E J Lawn Service
Floyd Muncey Lawn Care
Gilbert Hauling Inc.
Gladden Community House
Greater Linden Development Corporation
Higher Ground Commercial Maintenance
John's Industrial Landscaping
Lyles Landscaping & Maintenance
Marion-Franklin Area Civic Association
Martha Walker Garden Club
Nowlin & Sons Lawn Care
Pine Hills Civic Association
Shining Company

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$137,390.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Department of Development, Neighborhood Services Division, Division 44-05, General Fund, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3354, OCA Code 440330 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

Section 3. That the expenditure of \$140,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Department of Development, Neighborhood Services Division, Division 44-05, CDBG Fund, Fund 248, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3354, OCA Code 498027 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

Section 4. That the expenditure of \$91,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Recreation and Parks Department, Division 51-01, Recreation and Parks Operating Fund, Fund 285, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3354, OCA Code 510487 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

Section 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble thereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, 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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.