



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to modify the existing contract with MED3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services. The City entered into a contract with MED3000, Inc. via ordinance 2505-2012 in December 2012; the term of this contract is November 1, 2012 to December 31, 2018. This ordinance will provide \$1,600,000.00 to MED 3000 for EMS billing services and \$50,000.00 blanket for MED 3000 to give refunds to insurance companies or patients that are inadvertently billed for services. The Division of Fire's third party EMS billing program was initiated via ordinance #1184-2002 passed in July 2002.

Public Safety contracts the services of MED 3000 for the billing, collection, and reporting of those who are transported to hospitals by EMS personnel for emergency medical care. These billing, collection, and reporting services have generated a multitude of patient care information used by the Fire Division to better prepare EMS response protocols and, in turn, respond to citizens in a more effective manner. The division also generates reports for various fire organizations that are catalogued nationwide. Revenue generated since inception of the program amounted to approximately \$105M at the end of December 2012. Occasionally, MED 3000 has billed and received payments for services that are exempted under the contract or have received payments from both the patient and his/her insurance companies and need to refund such payments.

Contract Compliance: 251837785 exp 4/2/14

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested so that EMS billing, collection and reporting services can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation is to contract with MED 3000 for billing and collection services for \$1.6 million and to set up a blanket of \$50,000 to pay refunds for inadvertent billing. The Division of Fire budgeted \$1.7 million in the 2013 General Fund operating budget for billing and collection services and for computer upgrades; approximately \$180,000.00 is budgeted for EMS refunds. In 2012, the cost of EMS billing and collection services amounted to \$1.505 million, while EMS billing revenues under this contract exceeded \$15 million for the year.

This ordinance is contingent on passage of the 2013 General Fund Budget.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify the current contract with MED3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services for the Division of Fire; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,600,000.00 for billing and collection services and \$50,000.00 for refunds from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,650,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City contracts for EMS billing, collection and reporting services, as initiated via Ordinance #1184-2002, passed July 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with Med3000 via Ordinance 2505-2012 passed 12/3/12 to continue to provide EMS billing services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to modify the current contract with MED3000, Inc. so that EMS billing, collection and reporting services can continue without interruption, thereby preserving 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 Public Safety is hereby authorized to modify the existing contract between the City and MED3000, Inc. for the Division of Fire's EMS billing, collection and reporting services.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,650,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund 010, Department of Public Safety 30, Division of Fire 30-04:

* OCA 301559, OL3 Code 3336 \$1,600,000.00

* OCA 301481, OL3 Code 5512 \$50,000.00

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.