



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy. Additionally, the ordinance would authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to allow tuition reimbursement to be used for the subject course work.

Emergency action is necessary to allow the immediate acceptance and implementation of the MOU and MOA.

Fiscal impact: No direct funding is involved in this legislation. There is no impact on the General Fund budget due to the approval of this ordinance.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy; and to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement to allow tuition reimbursement to be used for the subject course work; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.0)

WHEREAS, through a successful partnership between the Columbus Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College, Columbus Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Columbus Division of Fire will be awarded direct college credit to be applied toward college advancement; 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 execute and implement the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement, 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 be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus State Community College.

SECTION 2. That the Directors of Public Safety and Human Resources be and are authorized to execute Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to allow tuition reimbursement to be used for the subject course work.

SECTION 3. Scope of the Memorandum of Understanding. The finalized agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus State Community College (CSCC) will allow Division of Fire members to receive direct college credit for training provided by the Columbus Division of Fire Training Academy. This program will improve the professionalism of the Division and give recognition to the hard work our members put in at the Fire Training Academy.

The agreement will allow for the following:

1. The awarding of 23 semester hours of college credit for each recruit who completes our Recruit academy (at no cost to the student or the city).

2. The waiving of all enrollment and administrative fees students are normally charged by Columbus State Community College.
4. The establishment of a strategic partnership between the Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College which allows for each to cooperate in the sharing of significant and state-of-the-art facilities.
5. The timely completion of an Associate's Degree by members of the Division.

SECTION 4. The execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Directors of Public Safety and Human Resources will allow tuition reimbursement to be used for the subject course work.

SECTION 5. Termination. This agreement and MOU may be terminated by either party.

SECTION 6. 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 (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.