



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to maintain membership with the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS). Ohio Revised Code 3781.26(A) requires "Each utility that owns or operates underground utility facilities shall participate in and register the location of its underground facilities with a protection service that serves the area where the facilities are located." OUPS is recognized as a protection service and continued membership allows for compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. Annually, the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) receives approximately 120,000 excavation notices from OUPS, which allows DPU to proactively protect our valuable underground infrastructure from damage due to excavation and provide a safe working and living environment for our residents.

SUPPLIER: Ohio Utilities Protection Service (34-1270505)

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$20,414.14 is budgeted and needed for this purchase.

\$21,340.29 was spent in 2013

\$16,614.84 was spent in 2012

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to maintain membership with the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, and to authorize the expenditure of \$20,414.14 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$20,414.14)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Utilities has a need to maintain membership with the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS), and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3781.26(A) requires "Each utility that owns or operates underground utility facilities shall participate in and register the location of its underground facilities with a protection service that serves the area where the facilities are located", and

WHEREAS, OUPS is recognized as a protection service and continued membership allows for compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, annually the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) receives approximately 120,000 excavation notices from OUPS, which allows DPU to proactively protect our valuable underground infrastructure from damage due to excavation and provide a safe working and living environment for our residents; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to pay for membership fees to the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS), for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage for Fiscal Year 2014.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$20,414.14 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is

authorized from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, Fund 650, Department 60-05, to pay the cost of this membership as follows:

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SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.