



Legislation Text

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This ordinance will establish an Auditor's Certificate and authorize blanket purchase orders for the purchase of needed sewer treatment chemicals from established and pending Universal Term Contracts. The Department of Finance and Management will establish all contracts and awards in accordance with Columbus City Code 329. The Department of Finance and Management/Purchasing Office will introduce legislation for Columbus City Council approval to establish the Universal Term Contracts.

This legislation is being processed to establish an Auditor's Certificate for the required funding to enter into the blanket purchase orders with the awarded vendors on an as-needed basis. All sewer treatment chemical universal term contracts will be established through the Department of Finance and Management/Purchasing Office and all blanket purchase orders will be approved by the Director of Finance and Management. The funding established from this ordinance cannot be used for any other purposes.

Emergency Action is necessary so that blanket purchase orders can be issued as soon as possible. Without this emergency designation, it is estimated that new funding could not be established until May 9, 2013. Polymer and Liquid Sodium Bisulfite contracts expire on March 31, 2013.

Universal Term Contracts

Polymer
Liquid Sodium Bisulfite
Ferric Chloride
Sodium Hypochlorite

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,700,000.00 is required and budgeted in the Sewerage System Operating Fund to meet the financial obligations of these various expenditures.

\$1,869,971.04 was spent in 2012

\$1,895,408.56 was spent in 2011

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders for the purchase of sewer treatment chemicals for the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,700,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund; to establish an Auditor's Certificate in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for the expenditures listed within this legislation; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,700,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office has current and pending universal term contracts to acquire various sewer treatment chemicals for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for these expenditures from the Sewerage System Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, in that it is immediately necessary to establish blanket purchase orders for sewer treatment chemicals, 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 Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to establish blanket purchase orders for sewer treatment chemicals as listed within this legislation on behalf of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,700,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended as follows:

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650
Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant
OCA Code 605055
Object Level Three 2204
Amount: \$1,200,000.00

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650
Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant
OCA Code 605022
Object Level Three 2204
Amount: \$500,000.00

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 Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific vendors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders from current and pending sewer treatment chemical Universal Term Contracts.

SECTION 5. 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.