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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of an additional \$210,000 for fiscal year 2015 within the Franklin County Municipal Court's Specialized Docket Fund.

This ordinance also authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services (ACS) for random and instant drug testing. The court did legislation 0774-2015 to cover expenses through 3/31/16 but based on increased need for drug testing, additional funds are required.

The random drug testing system can be used in two ways. (1) The court has specialized docket probationer's names put into a system and then at random they are called monthly or weekly to come in for a drug test. (2) If a defendant or a specialized docket probationer shows up for court and appears to be under the influence of drugs, they can be escorted to ACS for an instant drug test.

Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services contract compliance number is 31-1751856 and expires on 02/02/17.

FISCAL IMPACT: There's sufficient cash available within the 2015 specialty docket fund for this purpose.

EMERGENCY: Emergency action is requested to allow the continuation of the program.

To authorize the appropriation of \$210,000.00 from the 2015 unappropriated balance of the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges Specialized Docket fund; to authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with ACS for random and instant drug testing; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$210,000.00 for drug testing services; and to declare an emergency. (\$210,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Municipal Court is in need of drug testing services from ACS; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is requested as an emergency to permit the timely procurement of needed services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court, in that it is immediately necessary to contract and for drug testing services with ACS 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 sum of \$210,000 be and is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the special revenue fund, fund 226, subfund 004, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources

unappropriated for any other purposes during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, to the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, oca code 226004, as follows: \$210,000 from oca 226004, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336.

SECTION 2. That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with ACS for drug testing services through the period ending March 31, 2016.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$210,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, specialized docket programs fund, fund number 226, subfund 004 as follows: \$210,000 from oca 226004, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which 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.