



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Health Care Retire for over-payment of sewer charges at 920 Thurber Drive West. The customer has a credit balance of \$78,362.45 due to an adjustment resulting from leaks at the property, where the leak did not go down the drain and did not go into City sewer. The leak was under a concrete slab and water was discharged into the ground under the slab per inspection of repairs by DPU inspections on May 13, 2013. The leak time period was from July 13, 2011 to April 10, 2013. Health Care Retire was over billed a total of 22,057 CCF of sewer. The total adjusted sewer charges were \$80,894.38. The total refund the customer is entitled to due to subsequent billing from the date of adjustment is \$78,362.45.

It is requested that this legislation be handled in an emergency manner in order to reimburse the customer at the earliest possible date.

Contract Compliance is not required as this refund is necessary to our customer to whom we have agreed to provide water services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no budgetary impact because we are returning a portion of funds the customer paid. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse Health Care Retire for over-payment of sewer charges, to authorize a revenue reduction transaction of \$78,362.45; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Health Care Retire for over-payment of sewer consumption, and

**WHEREAS,** the adjustment was made after the customer paid for 39,115 CCF of sewer consumption when they should have been charged 17,058 CCF of water and sewer consumption since July 13, 2011, and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse the Health Care Retire. for sewer charges, in order to reimburse them at the earliest possible date, for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; 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 reimburse Health Care Retire, DPU account # 130318-1218658, for sewer charges.

**Section 2.** That a revenue reduction transaction in the total amount of \$78,362.45 or as much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from:

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650, Dept. 60-05, \$78,362.45

**Section 3.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared

to be an emergency 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.