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Legislation Text

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To authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify and extend the current contract with MED3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services for the Division of Fire; to authorize the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to modify the existing contract with MED3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services. The City entered into a contract with MED3000, Inc. via ordinance 1508-2007 in October 2007. The term of the original contract was for three years ending in October 2010. The contract contained options to renew by mutual written agreement of the parties for up to two additional one year terms after October 2010. Ordinance 1682-2010 passed Council on December 6, 2010, modified and extended the contract with MED3000 until October 31, 2012, and provided \$750,000 in funding through March 2011. This ordinance will provide funding and incentive pay through February 2012.

The Division of Fire's third party EMS reimbursement program was initiated via ordinance #1184-2002 passed in July 2002.

Public Safety contracts for the billing, collection, and reporting of those who are transported to hospitals by EMS personnel for emergency medical care. These billing, collection, and reporting services have generated a multitude of patient care information used by the Fire Division to better prepare EMS response protocols and, in turn, respond to citizens in a more effective manner. The division also generates reports for various fire organizations that are catalogued nationwide. Revenue generated since inception of the program amounted to approximately \$87M through mid October 2011.

Contract Compliance: 251837785; expires 02/01/2012

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested so that EMS billing, collection and reporting services can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Division of Fire budgeted \$1.8 million in the 2011 General Fund operating budget for these services; to date \$1.4M has been expended/encumbered for these services. Total 2010 expenses amounted to \$2,290,611.08. EMS revenues have exceeded \$11 million thus far in 2011.

WHEREAS, the City contracts for EMS billing, collection and reporting services, as initiated via Ordinance #1184-2002, passed July 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that certain modifications to the contract are required in order to extend the contract and modify the compensation as well as the obligations concerning computers.

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 modify and extend the current contract with MED3000, Inc. so that EMS billing, collection and reporting services can continue without interruption, 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 is hereby authorized to modify and extend the existing contract between the City and

MED3000, Inc. for the Division of Fire's EMS billing, collection and reporting services.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$150,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund 010, Department of Public Safety 30, Division of Fire 30-04, OCA 301559, OL3 Code 3336 to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 3. 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 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.