



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to modify contracts authorized under ordinance 3030-2016, passed by City Council on December 17, 2016. The sum total of all original contracts, plus any modifications, will not exceed the amount appropriated in the ordinance.

Ordinance 3030-2016 authorized the Director of Development to enter into contracts and spend up to \$1,500,000 for various expenditures related to the Vacant and Abandoned Property Initiative, which includes demolition of blighted structures, such as environmental testing and abatement, demolition and post demolition lot restoration, etc. The department procured, and continues to procure services through competitive bidding or to use State Term Contracts, unless the department received a Building Order from the Department of Building and Zoning Services that requires immediate demolition due to unsafe or emergency conditions. In the latter situation, Council approved the waiver of competitive bidding.

As the program has been implemented, the department has learned that some demolition projects are more involved than originally expected, resulting in additional costs unanticipated by the City and the contractor. Authority to modify these contracts will allow the department to immediately authorize the additional work needed without stopping work to seek Council approval for a contract modification.

Emergency action is requested to prevent disruption in demolition of blighted structures.

Fiscal Impact: None. The existing Auditor's Certificate will remain in place.

To authorize the Director of Development to modify contracts with various companies to provide services related to the demolition of structures, including environmental/asbestos testing and abatement, demolition, post-demolition lot restoration, and similar services as part of the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Initiative; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Department of Development received approval from City Council to enter into contracts and spend up to \$1,500,000 for various expenditures related to the Vacant and Abandoned Property Initiative in ordinance 3030-2016; and

WHEREAS, the department has learned that some demolition projects are more involved than originally expected, resulting in additional costs unanticipated by the City and the contractor, with the sum total of all original contracts, plus any modifications, not to exceed the amount appropriated in the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to modify the contracts in order to prevent disruption in demolition of blighted structures, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore**

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

SECTION 1. The Director of Development is authorized to modify contracts with various companies to provide services related to the demolition of structures, including environmental/asbestos testing and abatement, demolition, post-demolition lot restoration, and similar services as part of the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Initiative as previously authorized under ordinance 3030-2016.

SECTION 2. 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.