

Legislation Text

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City of Columbus acquired the parcel from Metro Parks in 2010. Mr. Hummel has farmed for several years this parcel and has an existing lease to farm the adjacent Metro Parks property for 2011. The parcel is in the CAUV program (Current Agricultural Use Value) in Franklin County. Taxes are deferred in this program until the year the parcel is pulled out of the program and no longer used for agricultural purposes. Rent should be saved to pay the taxes at the time Department decides to develop the parcel.

Fiscal Impact: This is a revenue generating contract to be executed as follows: The total annual fee is \$4,104.00. The annual rent shall be payable in the amount of \$2,052.00 by April 30th of the current term and the balance by December 31st of the then current term

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a lease agreement with Michael Hummel for the property known as Gender Road Parkland, PID 181-000196, and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Columbus, Ohio, the Director of Recreation and Parks desires to enter into a lease agreement with Michael Hummel to farm the property known as Gender Road Parkland; and

WHEREAS, Michael Hummel will farm this parcel, along with the adjacent Metro Parks Property as part of the Current Agricultural Use Value Program until the Recreation and Parks Department is ready to develop; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is necessary to authorize the Director to enter into this lease agreement to meet the schedule for this planting season thereby preserving the public health, safety and welfare; Now, Therefore

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

Section 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to execute those documents approved by the Department of Law, Division of Real Estate, necessary to enter into a lease agreement by and between the City of Columbus, Ohio, and the lessee, Michael Hummel.

Section 2. That the terms and conditions of the lease shall be approved in form by the City Attorney's office and shall include the following:

- A) The term of this FARMING AGREEMENT shall be for one (1) year term commencing on the 1st day of February, 2011, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 2011, unless sooner terminated as herein provided.
- B) The FARMING AGREEMENT shall be automatically renewed for up to four (4) additional successive one (1) year terms, unless Operator provides Parks with written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

Section 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this legislation.

Section 4. 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.