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Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation amends the 2008 Capital improvement budget and authorizes the transfer of \$200,000.00 between projects within the Safety Bond Fund for the purchase of outdoor warning sirens. This legislation also authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEMHS) for the purchase and installation of new electronic/radio-tone activated sirens, the conversion of existing sirens to the radio tone activated type, and the replacement of sirens that are no longer serviceable or require extensive repairs. Under State of Ohio law, FCEMHS is the agency that has the responsibility to coordinate, operate and maintain the outdoor warning siren system within Franklin County. FCEMHS competitively bid their contracts with the assistance of the Franklin County Purchasing Department and complied with all basic laws pertaining to government contracting pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, adjudicated case law, and Attorney General opinions concerning public contracts and competitive bidding. By entering into this agreement with FCEMHS, the City of Columbus will improve its portion of the outdoor warning siren system.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is needed to expedite making the funds available to combine with purchases from other jurisdictions to obtain quantity discounts.

Bid Information: N/A.

Contract Compliance No: N/A

Fiscal Impact: The Department of Public Safety has determined that the expenditure for this purchase will come from existing voted 2004 Safety Bond Funds. Currently, the Police Heliport Project has unencumbered cash balance of \$453,795 due to lower than expected construction costs. This proposed transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Heliport project will pay for expenses associated with the purchase and installations of approximately ten outdoor warning sirens. City Council Passed ordinance 0962-2007 in July of 2007 for the purchase of eleven sirens. Seven of these were replacements for old thunderbolts that were costly to repair and four were for new locations.

To amend the Department of Public Safety's 2008 Capital Improvement Budget, to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds between projects in the Safety Voted Bond Fund, to authorize the Director of The Department of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the purchase and installation of the City of Columbus' portion of the outdoor warning siren system, to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000 from the Voted Public Safety Bond Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Safety Voted Bond and to transfer funds in order to purchase outdoor warning sirens; and

WHEREAS, the FCEMHS is responsible for managing the outdoor warning siren system within Franklin County not only by coordinating siren locations but also for their maintenance, relocation, replacement and activation; and

WHEREAS, the city of Columbus intends to improve its portion of the Emergency Management Agency outdoor warning siren system; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security has entered into competitively bid contracts for the necessary sirens, controls, installation and testing needed for improving the City of Columbus' portion of the outdoor warning siren system; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to enter into an agreement with the Emergency Management Agency of Franklin County for the aforementioned purpose for the 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. That the 2008 Capital Improvement Budget (ordinance No. 0690-2008) is hereby amended as follows:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECT NO</u>	<u>CURRENT CIB</u>	<u>REVISED CIB</u>
Sirens (Carryover)	310106-100000	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Police Heliport (Carryover)	330032-100000	\$7,111,458	\$6,911,458

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds within the Safety Capital Improvement Fund as follows:

FROM:

Dept/Div: 30-03|Fund: 701|Project Number 330032|Project Name - Police Heliport |OCA Code 644476|Amount \$200,000.00

TO:

Dept/Div: 30-01|Fund: 701|Project Number 310106|Project Name - Sirens|OCA Code 644518|Amount \$200,000.00

SECTION 3. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the purchase and installation of new electronic/radio-tone activated sirens and the removal from service of certain designated ones.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby authorized from the voted 2004 Public Safety Bond fund as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund.</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Object Level 3</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30 - 01	701	644518	6644	Sirens	310106	\$200,000

SECTION 5. 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.