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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: To modify and increase the amount of funds on the contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage (MTS) contract EL013218, effective October 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. This modification will make additional funding available to continue towing services until a new contract can be issued when new bids are received. MTS tows impounded vehicles to the Division of Police Impound Lot. MTS is also be responsible for towing city vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$800,000.00 from the 2012 General Fund budget for towing services for the Division of Police. The Division of Police spent \$1,686,743.00 in 2011 for towing services, and \$969,450.00 so far this year.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: 31-1035297, expires 9/30/2013.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary due to the extension of the contract from October 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Therefore, additional funding is immediately needed in order to continue services until a new contract can be issued.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify and increase the amount of funds on the towing contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for the Division of Police; to authorize the expenditure of \$800,000.00 from the General Fund; to repeal Ordinance No. 2174-2012; and to declare an emergency. (\$800,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Police needs to modify and increase funds on the current contract EL013218 with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for five additional months of the contract, effective October 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Towing and Storage tows all impounded vehicles as well as city vehicles, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is immediately needed to continue services for five additional months of the contract to expire February 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in the Division's 2012 General Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to repeal Ordinance No. 2174-2012 in order to proceed with the bidding process for a new contract for these services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to modify and increase funding on the current contract for towing of vehicles from the city streets to avoid any interruption in towing services, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare: Now, Therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to extend and increase the

funds on the current contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for the purpose of towing vehicles from the city streets for the Division of Police.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$800,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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SECTION 3. That Ordinance No. 2174-2012, passed by this Council on October 29, 2012, is hereby repealed.

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