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Legislation Text

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Background: The accounts receivables collection program within the City Attorney's Claims Division has been ongoing since 1996. At that time, the City Attorney interviewed firms that had experience with governmental accounts receivable and chose Scoliere & Associates (now known as Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP) and later Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. to provide these services.

This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to renew the current contracts with the above mentioned collection firms for one year.

Contract Compliance Numbers:

Capital Recovery Systems Inc 311570459-001 ACT expires 02/02/08

Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP 742864602-001 ACT expires 01/29/09

Fiscal Impact: This contract is self-funding and will result in additional revenues to the general fund.

To authorize and direct the City Attorney to renew contracts with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc.; to authorize the City Attorney to expend up to Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars from the collection fees fund for services rendered pursuant thereto; and to waive the competitive procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes. (\$350,000.00)

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3135-96 originally authorized the City Attorney to contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP (formerly Scoliere & Associates) and Ordinance No. 1833-98 originally authorized the City Attorney to contract with Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. for the collection of certain of the City's accounts receivables; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has annually renewed these contracts for collection services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to continue to contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to renew contracts with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. for a period of one year to review and collect accounts receivable of the City for which the City's efforts at collection have been unsuccessful ,or where the City believes that the assistance of professional collection agencies would increase the likelihood of a more expeditious collection.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, relating to the procurement of professional services are hereby waived.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from department 2401, collection fund, fund number 295, object level three 3336, organizational cost code 241295 for the contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Simpson LLP and the City Auditor is authorized to draw warrants upon the treasury for services thereunder upon receipt of invoices approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of the sum of Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from department 2401, collection fund, fund number 295, object level three 3336, organizational cost code 241296 for the contract with Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. and the City Auditor is authorized to draw

warrants upon the treasury for services thereunder upon receipt of invoices approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.