



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Water is an active subscription participant in the Water Research Foundation. This subscription gives access to a global network of experts and early information about utility-based research, saving substantial costs in treatment, distribution, monitoring, resources, and management by applying the foundation's research findings. All subscribers are members of the Water Research Foundation and share in the responsibility of establishing an independent water industry research program. For these reasons, the Division of Water would like to participate in the Water Research Foundation based on the sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code.

**SUPPLIER:** Water Research Foundation: 13-6211384

The Water Research Foundation is a non-profit organization and does not require a contract compliance number. The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$105,000.00 is needed and budgeted to pay this subscription.

\$97,755.04 was expended for the 2016 subscription.

\$88,228.80 was expended for the 2015 subscription.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish an encumbrance for a subscription to the Water Research Foundation program for 2017, in accordance with the sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$105,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund. (\$105,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the primary function of the Water Research Foundation is to address operational problems of utilities, using expertise of utilities, universities, consultants, etc., in order to find more advanced and cost effective solutions to perennial concerns, and

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Water to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish an encumbrance for a subscription to the Water Research Foundation program for 2017, in order to receive the benefit of an independent water industry research effort; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to establish an encumbrance with Water Research Foundation, in accordance with the sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$105,000.00 or as much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6000 Water Operating Fund in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

