



Legislation Text

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Background: The Department of Development Division of Land Redevelopment operates the City of Columbus Land Bank program and works closely with the Franklin County Land Bank - Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC). In 2017, the City of Columbus Council approved Ordinance 0252-2017, allowing the City of Columbus Land Bank to lease office space from COCIC for an initial seven (7) year term, which ends January 31, 2024. The lease automatically extends on a year-to-year basis subject to appropriation of funding by City Council and certification of funds by the City Auditor. This legislation authorizes the funding for payments associated with the lease of the shared space for the February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 term.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$24,027.59 from funds available in the Land Management Fund.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to enable the Division of Land Redevelopment to continue to occupy office space shared with COCIC without interruption and allow for the timely payment of the cost associated with use of the office space under the lease agreement for the term from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

To authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$24,027.59 from the Land Management Fund for the lease of office space at 845 Parsons Avenue; and to declare an emergency (\$24,027.59).

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Land Bank and Franklin County Land Bank programs work closely together to return blighted, vacant, and tax-delinquent properties to productive use for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, to further promote their collaborative efforts, the City Land Bank Program and the Franklin County Land Bank Program co-locate operations at that real property owned by Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation located at 845 Parsons Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City's lease agreement with the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) for the shared use of office space at 845 Parsons Avenue, Columbus Ohio for the Land Redevelopment Division and Land Bank Program, after the initial term, automatically renews on a year-to-year basis subject to City Council appropriation of funding necessary for payments associated with the lease of the shared space; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Land Bank wishes to continue its occupancy of the office space shared with COCIC for the term February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$24,027.59 from the Land Management Fund for payments due under the lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development Division of Land Redevelopment in that it is necessary to immediately appropriate and authorize the expenditure of funds necessary for payments due under the lease agreement for the term February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 so that the Division may continue to occupy shared office space without interruption all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property

and safety; **now therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the sum of \$24,027.59 is appropriated in Fund 2206 Land Management Fund in Object Class 03 Lease and Rental of Property or Building per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$24,027.59, or so much thereof that may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in SECTION 1, be and is hereby authorized and approved in Fund 2206 in Object Class 03 per the accounting codes in the attached file.

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 ordinance.

SECTION 4. That for 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 its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.