



Legislation Text

File #: 0704-2017, **Version:** 1

Background:

This legislation authorizes Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court ("Municipal Court Clerk") to modify the existing contract with the Law Offices of Robert A Schuerger Co., LPA for additional funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA collected more receivables than anticipated; therefore additional funds are necessary to increase the contract for the term ending 7/31/2017.

Ordinance 1684-2016 authorized the Municipal Court Clerk to enter into the first year of a three year contract, with three consecutive one year renewal options with Apelles, LLC, Capital Recovery Systems Inc., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, and the Law Offices of Robert A Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

The contract is self-funding in that the percentage charged for collecting the receivables is added to the total debt collected, pursuant to ORC 2335.24, ORC 2335.19 and Ordinance 0130-2009, thereby negating costs to the City of Columbus for this service.

Bid Information:

The Municipal Court Clerk's Office solicited formal competitive bids through Requests for Proposals (RFP) for collection services, in accordance with Columbus City Code. The Municipal Court Clerk's Office received six (6) proposals. The proposals were reviewed by a committee of three (3) and evaluated in accordance with the committee's criteria. The committee selected the four highest scored companies. In agreement with the committee, the Municipal Court Clerk awarded the bid to The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA, one of the four companies selected for the collection services.

This 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.

Contract Compliance Number: 35-2353532; 5/17/2018

DAX Vendor Number: 017436

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Contract:

Ordinance: 1684-2016; PO019161; \$25,000.00

Ordinance: 0704-2017; \$10,000.00

Fiscal Impact: Funds totaling \$10,000.00 are available in the 2017 collection fund.

To authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to modify the contract with The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for the provision of collection services; to authorize an expenditure up to \$10,000.00 from the Municipal Court Clerk Collection Fund. (\$10,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the existing contract with The Law Offices of Robert A Schuerger Co., LPA for additional funds for the collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office; and,

WHEREAS, The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA collected more receivables than anticipated; therefore additional funds are necessary to increase the contract; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City to authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to modify a contract with The Law Offices of Robert A Schuerger Co., LPA for collections services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office, thereby preserving 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 Franklin County Municipal Court is hereby authorized to modify the existing contract with The Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for the provision of collection services for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$10,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from department 2601, Collection Fees fund, Object Class 03 Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.