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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services (ACS) for random and instant drug testing. The court did a bid on SA005734 which closed on February 19, 2015. Four proposals were received and one award was made. This is a three year contract with an optional fourth year.

There are two parts to the program one is a random drug testing system. The court has specialty docket probationer's names put into a system and then at random they are called monthly to come in for a drug test. The second part is if a defendant or a specialty docket probationer shows up for court and appears to be under the influence of drugs they can be escorted to ACS for an instant drug test.

Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services federal tax id is 31-1751856.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the 2017 specialty docket fund for this purpose.

To authorize and direct the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Fairfield Information Services, DBA American Court Services (ACS), for random and instant drug testing; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$325,000.00 for drug testing services. (\$325,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Municipal Court is in need of drug testing services from ACS; and

WHEREAS, there are two parts to the program, first the court has specialty docket probationer's names put into a system and then at random they are called monthly to come in for a drug test; the second part is if a defendant or a specialty docket probationer shows up for court and appears to be under the influence of drugs they can be escorted to ACS for an instant drug test; and

WHEREAS, \$325,000.00 is needed to provide for drug testing services; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court to authorize the Administrating and Presiding Judge to contract for drug testing services with ACS 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 Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Fairfield Information Services, DBA American Court Services (ACS), for drug testing services through the period ending March 31, 2018.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$325,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges.

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.