



## Legislation Text

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The Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage has a need for a Sewer Root Control program to mitigate root growth in sanitary sewer lines 8" to 36" in diameter and inhibit root re-growth. The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has determined that the chemical diquat dibromide is the most effective at treating roots in sewers. It is approved by the United States EPA for this use and classified as non-carcinogenic and not considered a volatile compound. Further, diquat dibromide has little or no effect on treatment plant processes, therefore, making this chemical preferred for use in the Division's Root Control program. The Division has further determined that other chemicals are not acceptable for use in this program as being either non-effective or containing metam sodium which has been classified by the US EPA as a likely carcinogen.

Duke's Root Control, Inc. is the only contractor licensed and registered to apply diquat dibromide otherwise known as Razorooter II, and that Razorooter II is a patented technology. Duke's Root Control, Inc. has been identified by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage as the only commercial applicator licensed by the manufacturer to apply Razorooter II and registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Duke's Root Control, Inc. has the capacity and capability to perform this program. This ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Columbus City Code, 1959 Section 329.07(e).

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage wishes to enter into a service agreement for a period of one (1) year to and including December 31, 2013.

Contract Compliance: 75-3026801, expires March 2, 2013  
Duke's Root Control, Inc. does not hold MBE/FBE status.

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:** The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has allocated \$320,000.00 for sewer line root control program services in the 2013 budget. This ordinance is contingent on passage of the 2013 Operating Budget, Ordinance #2631-2012.

\$285,000.00 was spent in 2012  
\$284,166.38 was spent in 2011

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Sewer Root Control Services in accordance with Sole Source provisions of the Columbus City Code for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and to authorize the expenditure of \$320,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$320,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Sewer Maintenance Operations has a need for a Sewer Root Control program to mitigate root growth in sewer lines and inhibit root re-growth, and

**WHEREAS**, Duke's Root Control, Inc. provides the Division with these services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage has determined that the chemical diquat dibromide is the most

effective at treating roots in sewers. It is approved for use by the United States EPA for this use and classified as non-carcinogenic and not considered a volatile compound. Further, diquat dibromide has little or no effect on treatment plant processes, therefore, making this chemical preferred for use in the Division's Root Control program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Division has further determined that other chemicals are not acceptable for use in this program being either non-effective or containing metam sodium which has been classified by the US EPA as a likely carcinogen, and

**WHEREAS**, Duke's Root Control, Inc. is the only contractor licensed and registered to apply diquat dibromide otherwise known as Razorooter II and that Razorooter II is a patented technology, and

**WHEREAS**, Duke's Root Control, Inc. has been identified by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage as the only commercial applicator licensed by the manufacturer to apply Razorooter II and registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and

**WHEREAS**, Duke's Root Control, Inc. has the capacity and capability to perform this program, and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Columbus City Code 1959, Section 329.07(e), and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage wishes to enter into a service agreement for a period of one (1) year to and including December 31, 2013; 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 enter into a service agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Sewer Root Control services in accordance with Sole Source provisions of the Columbus City Code for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$320,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is authorized from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, Fund No. 650 as follows:

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Object Level 3: 3375

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