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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 contract compliance number is 31-1751856 and expires on 02/02/17.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the 2015 specialty docket fund for this purpose.

Emergency legislation is requested to authorize the court to enter into contract and the expenditure to continue monitoring services.

To authorize and direct the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with ACS for random and instant drug testing to authorize the expenditure of up to \$190,000.00 for drug testing services; and to declare an emergency. (\$190,000.00)

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

WHEREAS, this ordinance is requested as an emergency to permit the timely procurement of needed services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize, contract and expenditure 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 ACS for drug testing services through the period ending March 31, 2016.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$190,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, specialty docket programs fund, fund number 226, subfund 004 as follows: \$190,000 from oca 226004, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336.

SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is

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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.