



## Legislation Text

**File #: 0081-2005, Version: 1**

### 1. BACKGROUND

Need: The Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to execute 18 WPCLF loan agreements totaling approximately \$56 million, for 18 Sewerage & Drainage Division projects. These Capital Improvements Projects, as identified in Section 1., are being financed through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). This loan program is jointly administered by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The WPCLF provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal wastewater treatment improvements.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted Amount: There is sufficient budget authority in the 2005 Sewer System Operating Fund for application fee (\$196,000) expenditures. These loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from sewerage system fees. Sewerage fee increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to execute eighteen (18) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of 18 Sewerage and Drainage Division projects.

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 the City is scheduled to enter into loan agreements with the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Water Development Authority under the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), to finance eighteen (18) Division of Sewerage and Drainage projects, which assistance will be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's sewerage customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of the approved City Council legislation which authorizes the Director of the Public Utilities Department to execute the WPCLF agreements; Now Therefore

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

**Section 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be, and hereby is, authorized to execute eighteen (18) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of the following Sewerage and Drainage Division projects, estimated to cost approximately \$56 million:

1. CIP No. 650353, Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Rehabilitation
2. CIP No. 650034.6B, Blacklick Sanitary Interceptor
3. CIP No. 650657, Lenore Avenue/Huy Road Sanitary Relief Sewer
4. CIP No. 650656, Weldon Avenue Sanitary Relief Sewer
5. CIP No. 650651, Atwood Terrace/Northridge Road Relief Sewer
6. CIP No. 650650, Atwood Terrace/Lenore Avenue Sanitary Relief Sewer
7. CIP No. 650683, Orchard/Milton Area Sanitary Improvements
8. CIP No. 650680, Piedmont/High Area Sanitary Improvements
9. CIP No. 650668, Torrence/Colerain Area Sanitary Improvements
10. CIP No. 650636, Forest Street Sewer Improvements
11. CIP No. 650634, Frebis/Ellsworth Area Sewer Improvements
12. CIP No. 650665, Adena Brook Ravine Sanitary Improvements
13. CIP No. 650349, Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering/Miscl. Improvements (Supplemental Loan)
14. CIP No. 650246, Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Handling/Dewatering, Phase 2 (Supplemental Loan)
15. CIP No. 650510.30 Sewer Maintenance Operations Center Renovations, Phase 2 (Supplemental Loan)
16. CIP No. 650348 Wastewater Treatment Facilities Instrumentation & Control Systems Upgrade, Phase 2 (Supplemental Loan)
17. CIP No. 650348 Wastewater Treatment Facilities Instrumentation & Control Systems Upgrade, Phase 3 (Supplemental Loan)
18. CIP NO. 650352 Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks, Phase 2 (Supplemental Loan)

**Section 2.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

.