



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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To authorize the City Auditor to enter into an agreement along with the Auditor of the State of Ohio and an independent public accounting firm (IPA), as determined by the Auditor of the State of Ohio, for professional auditing services for calendar year 2012 and to authorize the expenditure of up to five hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

This ordinance will authorize the City Auditor to enter into an agreement for professional auditing services for the calendar year 2012, of the City of Columbus and the Office of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk, and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500,000.00.

The Auditor of State is in the process of completing an extensive request for proposals and evaluation process. Selection of the IPA will not take place until August 2012.

The audit agreement covers 5 years (2012-2016) with each year being subject to the authorizing appropriation of Council. This 2012 ordinance represents the first year of this five-year cycle.

It should be noted that 15% of this contract will be subcontracted to a minority firm of certified public accountants. This has been a subcontracting requirement in the City's audit contract since 1985.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are currently budgeted in the City Auditor's department for this expenditure.

WHEREAS, all political subdivisions of Ohio are required to be audited by the Auditor of the State of Ohio or his designee; and

WHEREAS, the United States Office of Management and Budget through the Single Audit Act of 1996, as amended, has made it possible for all federal grants to be audited via one comprehensive audit; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of the State of Ohio and the Columbus City Auditor have concurred that the most appropriate way to meet all such requirements is to engage an independent public accountant to conduct an independent audit of the City's 2012 accounting records and those of the Office of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk including federal and state grants; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City not be delayed in issuing its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, maximum efficiencies can be achieved by including the Office of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation in that this should be authorized to provide uninterrupted Audit, 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 City Auditor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement along with the Auditor of the State of Ohio and an independent public accounting firm (IPA), as determined by the Auditor of the State of Ohio, to conduct an audit of the City's 2012 accounting records and financial statements and to render an opinion thereon

Section 2. That this agreement include the audit of the Office of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk.

Section 3. That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund 010, Department 22-01, Object Level-1 03, Object Level-3 3325, OCA 220145 for the aforesaid purpose.

Section 4. The City Auditor is hereby authorized to prorate the costs of this audit to the various funds of the City.

Section 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby 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 or vetoes the same.