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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the City Clerk to report to the Auditor of Franklin County in Ohio all charges which are due to the City of Columbus, Department of Development, and are certified for payment to said County Auditor in conformance with Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code for weed and solid waste removal. In the assessment period covered by this legislation (May 1st through October 31st, 2019), owners of 746 properties within Columbus were notified to abate weed and solid waste nuisances. Those properties where violations were not abated were turned over to the Environmental Nuisance Weed and Solid Waste Program for compliance. Abatement was completed using the services of private and/or City contractors. This legislation provides for assessment of the costs associated with the weed and solid waste abatement process.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation provides a mechanism for recovery of costs associated with the weed and solid waste abatement program.

Emergency action is required so that assessments can be placed on the January 2020 tax duplicate as a future lien.

To authorize assessments for weed and solid waste removal on properties in violation of weed and solid waste regulations as set forth in the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the owners of certain vacant lots and structures in the City of Columbus, as described in the attached Exhibit, have allowed the growth of noxious weeds, grasses and/or the accumulation of solid waste on their properties; and

WHEREAS, said owners have been duly notified of the requirements of the law in such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said owners have failed to provide mowing services and solid waste removal as set forth in Section 701.07 through Section 701.19 of the Columbus City Code; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to authorize assessments for weed and solid waste removal on properties in violation of weed and solid waste regulations

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as set forth in the Columbus City Code in order to preserve 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 assessment of the owners of certain lots and structures in the City of Columbus, as described in the attached Exhibit, who have failed to provide the necessary mowing and solid waste removal services required by Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code, be and is hereby authorized in order to cover costs incurred by the City of Columbus, Department of Development, Code Enforcement Division, in carrying out the provisions of said sections.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall report to the Franklin and Delaware County Auditors, all charges which are due to the City of Columbus, Department of Development, Code Enforcement Division, and are certified for payment to the County Auditor in conformance with Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 3. That said funds, upon reimbursement from the Franklin and Delaware County Auditors, shall be deposited in the General Fund 1000, to repay the costs incurred for weed mowing and solid waste abatement services.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble thereto, 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.

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