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Title: To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to fifty-eight (58) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to fifty-eight Division of Sewerage and Drainage construction projects; and to designate a dedicated source of repayment for the loans.

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1. BACKGROUND: The Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to apply for and execute up to fifty-eight (58) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan agreements in 2021, totaling approximately \$860 million, for the construction of fifty-eight Sanitary, Stormwater, and Treatment Engineering Capital Improvement Projects as identified in Section 1., under the direction of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD). 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 Loan Fund program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal Wastewater and Stormwater system improvements.

2. FISCAL IMPACT: There is sufficient budget authority in the 2021 Sewer Systems and Stormwater Operating Funds for the loan application fee expenditures. These loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from Sewerage System and Stormwater rates (dedicated source of repayment). Sewerage System and Stormwater rate increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to fifty-eight (58) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to fifty-eight Division of Sewerage and Drainage construction projects; and to designate a dedicated source of repayment for the loans.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities is scheduled to prepare loan applications for up to \$860 million in financing, for submittal to the Ohio EPA under the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program to finance, through below-market interest rate loans, the construction of up to fifty-eight capital improvements projects

under the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, which said financial assistance may be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's Sewerage and Stormwater customers; and

WHEREAS, prior to WPLCF loan agreement approval by the Ohio Water Development Authority, the WPLCF loan application and loan agreement documents require the City to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of approved City Council legislation authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Department to apply for and subsequently execute said WPLCF agreements, and to authorize a dedicated source of loan repayment for the loans; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to apply for, accept and enter into WPLCF loan agreements with Ohio Water Development Authority and submit a copy of this legislation to the Ohio EPA prior to the OWDA board's consideration for approval as part of the loan agreements' approval process; **now, therefore**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and enter into up to fifty-eight (58) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to fifty-eight Division of Sewerage and Drainage projects as described with the "not to exceed" project costs listed below:

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| 610050-100000 | Fountain Square Stormwater System Improvements | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 610739-100000 | Petzinger Rd Stormwater Improvements | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 610782-100000 | Linworth Rd./Meeklynn Dr. Storm Sewer | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 610785-100000 | Linden Neighborhood Stormwater System Improvements (Phase 2) | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 610804-100001 | Old Beechwood Area Stormwater System Improvements | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 611010-100000 | Holt Ave/Somersworth Stormwater System Improvements | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 611021-100000 | Fairwood Facilities Stormwater Improvements | \$4,000,000.00 |
| 611038-100000 | Greenlawn Low Head Dam Improvements | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 611038-100001 | Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation | \$8,500,000.00 |
| 611702-100000 | Cooke Rd Culvert Improvements Project | \$1,500,000.00 |
| 650009-100001 | Alum Creek Storm Tank Project - Real Time Controls (CSO) | \$3,000,000.00 |
| 650033-100002 | Big Walnut Trunk Extension - Phase 2 | \$106,500,000.00 |
| 650033-100003 | Central College Subtrunk Phase 3 | \$38,500,000.00 |
| 650034-100008 | Blacklick Air Quality Control Facility | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 650250-100007 | JPWWTP Cogeneration Project | \$34,000,000.00 |
| 650260-102015 | JPWWTP Raw Sewage Pump Valve Actuator Replacement | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 650260-103002 | SWWTP Building Heating Imps & UST Removal | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 650260-103004 | SWWTP Boiler System Improvements | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 650260-103012 | SWWTP ERC/FRC MCC Replacement | \$2,000,000.00 |

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| 650352-100006 | SWWTP Main Drain Pump Station | \$3,500,000.00 |
| 650353-100003 | SWWTP Digester Process Expansion | \$26,500,000.00 |
| 650354-100000 | SWWTP Post Aeration Diffuser Replacement | \$10,500,000.00 |
| 650375-100002 | Compost Facility Improvements Project | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 650404-100048 | 2021 Annual Lining Contract | \$6,000,000.00 |
| 650491-100007 | Intermodal Sanitary Subtrunk Extension | \$42,000,000.00 |
| 650491-100008 | Rickenbacker Extension | \$6,500,000.00 |
| 650560-100002 | East Franklinton Phase 3 | \$10,500,000.00 |
| 650700-100000 | Portage Grove Sanitary Sewer | \$3,000,000.00 |
| 650724-100000 | Lower Olentangy Tunnel | \$304,000,000.00 |
| 650725-100004 | Alum Creek Trunk Sewer (South) Rehabilitation (Phase 1) | \$17,500,000.00 |
| 650725-100009 | Center Large Diameter Rehabilitation Project | \$12,000,000.00 |
| 650725-100010 | West Side Trunk Rehabilitation | \$6,000,000.00 |
| 650725-100011 | Blacklick Creek Main Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (Phase 1) | \$7,500,000.00 |
| 650725-100012 | Large Diameter - Scioto Main Trunk Sewer | \$8,500,000.00 |
| 650725-100017 | Near North & Ease - Iuka Park Phase 2 | \$3,000,000.00 |
| 650744-100000 | Brimfield Area Sanitary System Improvements Project | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 650763-100000 | Mohler Street Overflow Interceptor Sewer | \$20,000,000.00 |
| 650768-100003 | 3rd Avenue Relief - Phase 3 | \$4,500,000.00 |
| 650790-100000 | Inflow Redirection - Noble & 4th Street | \$1,000,000.00 |
| 650790-113180 | Inflow Redirection - Kerr/Russell | \$4,000,000.00 |
| 650860-116300 | Second Barrel Interconnector Augmentation | \$9,000,000.00 |
| 650860-222190 & 650860-322190 | Upsize Sewer Project ID 2 & 3 Near South | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 650870-100701 | Blueprint Linden GI - Hudson/McGuffey | \$8,500,000.00 |

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| 650870-100705 | Blueprint Linden GI - Linview Park | \$5,500,000.00 |
| 650870-100801 | Blueprint Hilltop GI - Palmetto/Westgate | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 650870-100802 | Blueprint Hilltop GI - Eureka/Fremont | \$11,000,000.00 |
| 650870-101201 | Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Newton/Bedford | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 650870-101202 | Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Kent/Fairwood | \$6,000,000.00 |
| 650870-153001 | Blueprint Hilltop Perm Pavers - Palmetto/Westgate | \$12,000,000.00 |
| 650870-153002 | Blueprint Hilltop Perm Pavers - Eureka/Fremont | \$7,500,000.00 |
| 650870-162001 | Blueprint Miller-Kelton Perm Pavers - Newton/Bedford | \$11,500,000.00 |
| 650870-162002 | Blueprint Miller-Kelton Perm Pavers - Kent/Fairwood | \$9,000,000.00 |
| 650875-122190 | Blueprint Near South - Mainline Lining | \$10,500,000.00 |
| 650890-100000 | Meeklynn Dr. Area Sanitary Sewer | \$4,000,000.00 |
| 650895-100001 | Williams/Behm HSTS Elimination Project | \$5,000,000.00 |
| 650895-100002 | Dyer/Lazar HSTS Elimination Project | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 650895-100003 | Brooklyn/Cleveland HSTS Elimination Project | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 650895-100005 | Barnett/East Deshler HSTS Elimination Project | \$9,000,000.00 |

SECTION 2. That Sewerage System Service Charges are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Sanitary and Treatment Engineering projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

SECTION 3. That Stormwater Fees are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Stormwater projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.