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Title: To appropriate \$8,250,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund for anticipated 2026 expenditures for the Department of Public Service, Divisions of Infrastructure Management and Traffic Management; and to declare an emergency. (\$8,250,000.00)

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1/26/2026	1	Columbus City Council	Approved	Pass

1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the annual appropriation of monies within the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund (Fund 2266) for the Divisions of Infrastructure Management and Traffic Management. This permissive tax has been levied by the City of Columbus since 1987. This money is used for materials, supplies, and equipment expenses consistent with the 2026 budget. The amount being appropriated within this ordinance is \$8,250,000.00. Proposed expenditures are estimates and are subject to change. Where appropriate, expenditure ordinances will be submitted to City Council for approval to procure these commodities, equipment, and renovations.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation for 2026 in the amount of \$8,250,000.00 for the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund (Fund 2266). Annual revenue into Fund 2266 is expected to be \$7,800,000.00. The 2026 projected revenue along with anticipated 2025 carryover will provide the fund with adequate cash balances.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to make these funds available to the divisions as soon as practical to meet anticipated 2026 needs.

To appropriate \$8,250,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund for anticipated 2026 expenditures for the Department of Public Service, Divisions of Infrastructure Management and Traffic Management; and to declare an emergency. (\$8,250,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of \$8,250,000.00 within the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund for the Divisions of Infrastructure Management and Traffic Management for 2026 expenditures; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation will allow for planned expenditures utilizing monies from said fund as early as possible in 2026; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Divisions of Infrastructure Management and Traffic Management, within the Department of Public Service, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate said funds to permit these expenditures and allow materials, supplies, and equipment to be procured without delay to meet anticipated 2026 needs, 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 from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2026, the sum of \$8,250,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 2266 (Municipal Motor Vehicle Tax Fund) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the monies appropriated in SECTION 1 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Service and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. 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 nor vetoes the same.