



## Legislation Text

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**Need:** The Civil Service Commission needs to modify and increase the maximum authorized expenditure in the contract with the Association for Psychotherapy, Inc. for the psychological screening of police officer applicants who were hired and who started at the Police Academy on July 16, 2007, and for the psychological screening of police officer applicants that are to be hired for the Police Academy class that begins on December 17, 2007.

**Bid Information:** In 2005, the City of Columbus Civil Service Commission, acting by and through the Executive Secretary of Civil Service Commission, entered into an agreement with the Association for Psychotherapy Inc. The contract was funded with monies from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police budget.

When the funds were exhausted, the Department of Public Safety and the Civil Service Commission submitted ordinance 1126-2007, which City Council passed on July 23, 2007. That ordinance waived the provisions of competitive bidding, and authorized the Public Safety Director to enter into contracts with the Association for Psychotherapy, Inc. for both psychological counseling for police officers as well as psychological screening of police officer applicants. The ordinance should have authorized the Civil Service Executive Secretary rather than the Director of Public Safety to enter into the contract for the psychological screening of police officer applicants. Ordinance 1690-2007, passed by City Council on November 5, 2007, corrected that technical error and transferred \$27,500 from the Department of Public Safety to the Civil Service Commission, solely for the purpose of funding the psychological screening of police officer applicants. However, the amount transferred was insufficient to pay for the screenings already conducted in preparation for the police officer applicants that are to be hired for the Police Academy class that begins on December 17, 2007.

On November 26, 2007, City Council passed Ordinance 1948-2007, in which the amount of \$12,500 was transferred to the Civil Service Commission from the identified surpluses within the General Fund in order to cover the balance due to the Association for Psychotherapy for the psychological screening of police officer applicants.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency legislation is requested in order to modify the contract with the Association for Psychotherapy and increase the maximum authorized expenditure. This will enable the Commission to pay for the screening of police officer applicants who will begin training at the Police Academy on December 17, 2007.

**Contract Compliance Number:** 311441549, expires 11/09/2007.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this service was transferred to the Civil Service Commission budget via Ordinance 1948-2007, passed by City Council November 26, 2007.

To authorize and direct the Executive Secretary of the Civil Service Commission to modify and increase the contract with the Association for Psychotherapy, Inc. for the psychological screening of police officer applicants; to authorize the expenditure of \$12,500.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$12,500.00).

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the City of Columbus Civil Service Commission entered into an agreement with the Association for Psychotherapy, Inc. for psychological screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to modify said agreement; and

**WHEREAS** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Civil Service Commission, in that it is immediately necessary to pay for psychological screenings that have already been performed on police officer applicants who will enter the police academy on December 17, 2007, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now therefore



BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

**SECTION 1.** That the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission be and is hereby authorized and directed to modify and increase the contract with Association for Psychotherapy, Inc. for the purpose of administering psychological screenings to police officer applicants for the Division of Police.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$12,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

DIV	FUND	OBJ LEV (1)	OBJ LEV (3)	OCA NO
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**SECTION 3.** 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.