



## Legislation Text

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The City of Columbus is committed to paying the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) an annual fee for vital services in the area of intergovernmental relations, transportation planning and programming, grantsmanship, legislative review and information exchange. This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of the annual membership fee (dues) for the City for 2008 of \$344,108.00. The fee was established by MORPC based on population per an earlier agreement with the City and is not negotiable. The rate for 2008 is \$.445 per capita based on an estimated population of 773,277 as of January 1, 2008.

As Council has selected MORPC to be the City's planning agency, it is in the City's best interest to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of the City Code.

Fiscal Impact: funds in the amount of \$344,108.00 are budgeted and available for this expenditure in the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund. MORPC dues for 2006 and 2007 were \$328,241.00 and \$342,118.00, respectively.

Emergency action is requested for this legislation because the first quarterly installment of the membership fee is currently due. This expense cannot be legislated in advance of passage of the 2008 budget.

To authorize the Public Service Director to pay the City's annual membership dues to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$344,108.00 from the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund; to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$344,108.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) provides the City of Columbus and other member communities with vital services in the area of intergovernmental relations, transportation planning and programming, grantsmanship, legislative review and information exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is a government member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's membership fee for MORPC in 2008 is \$344,108.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the first quarter payment is currently due; and

**WHEREAS**, MORPC is the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization for our region and is therefore the only entity able to offer these services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Service Department, Transportation Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the payment of the MORPC dues because the first quarterly installment is currently due, 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 Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to pay dues for the city's annual membership in the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 100 Liberty St, Suite 100, Columbus Ohio 43215 in the amount of \$344,108.00 or so much thereof as may be needed from the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund, Fund 265, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 03, Object Level Three Code 3333 and OCA Code 599001.

**SECTION 2.** That in accordance with Section 327.27 of the Columbus City Code, City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus that Section 329.06 relating to formal competitive bidding requirements be waived and hereby waives said section.

**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.