



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Mayor to execute a cooperation agreement between the City and Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) for development of affordable housing within the City of Columbus. The cooperation agreement, attached to this ordinance, is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to CMHA beginning construction of public housing projects. CMHA is the public housing authority for the City of Columbus and provides public housing, housing vouchers, affordable rental and market rate rent options to individuals in Columbus.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There are no funds being committed in this legislation.

To authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperation agreement between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority for affordable units to be developed in the City of Columbus; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) desires to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Columbus for the development of affordable housing in the City of Columbus (copy of agreement attached); and

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for affordable housing in the City of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS,** the development of affordable housing will address a portion of the needs for affordable housing and provide some subsidized units to our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that prior to CMHA beginning construction of a public housing project it must enter into a cooperation agreement with the City where the housing will be located; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a cooperation agreement with CMHA to allow affordable housing projects to begin construction, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That the City of Columbus shall enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority in connection with the development of affordable housing within the City of Columbus.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the City.

**Section 3.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which 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.