



Legislation Text

File #: 0368-2014, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Public Safety Director to expend \$4.8 million for the use of the Franklin County Correction Centers for the housing of City of Columbus prisoners. Franklin County contracts with several local governments, including the City of Columbus, for housing of prisoners charged with municipal code violations. The contracts were established under the Ohio Revised Code Section 1905.35. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into a contract CT-15777 that charges a per diem amount for the housing of City of Columbus prisoners. This contract, signed in 1994 by the County Commissioners and the city, is amended periodically only for per diem increases. The current per diem amount of \$79 per day was established in May 2011.

Bid Information: N/A

Contract Compliance Number: N/A

Emergency Designation: An emergency designation will ensure timely payments to Franklin County.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$4.8 million from the General Fund operating budget of the Public Safety Director's office to pay Franklin County for the housing of City of Columbus prisoners. The Public Safety Department budgeted \$5.2 million in the 2014 General Fund budget for the housing of prisoners with Franklin County. Additional funds will be encumbered later in the year if necessary to ensure the availability of funds before the 2015 budget is established. The city's cost of housing prisoners with Franklin County was \$4,390,333 in 2011, \$4,474,553 in 2012 and \$4,577,602 in 2013.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to expend funds with the Franklin County Commissioners for the use of the Franklin County Correction Centers for the housing of prisoners; to authorize the expenditure of \$4,800,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,800,000.00)

WHEREAS, Franklin County contracts with several local governments, including the City of Columbus, for the housing of prisoners charged with municipal code violations; and

WHEREAS, Columbus and Franklin County have had an agreement to house prisoners since 1994, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to continue its agreement with the Franklin County Commissioners for the housing of prisoners in the Franklin County Correctional Centers; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to direct the Director of Public Safety to continue with the terms of contract number CT-15777 between the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to continue the contract with Franklin County and encumber funds to ensure timely payments for services being provided by the Franklin County Sheriff, and for the preservation of 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 Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with contract number CT-15777, for the housing of prisoners in the Franklin County

Correction Centers.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$4,800,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be hereby authorized from the Department of Public Safety as follows.

Division: 30-01 Fund: 010 OCA Code: 300111 Object Level 1: 03 Object Level 3: 3336 Amount: \$4,800,000.00

SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.