



## Legislation Text

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The Bureau of Workers compensation (BWC) has steadfastly encouraged employers to invest toward the enhancement of occupational safety and health programs and initiatives. This legislation enables the City to do so. It clearly exhibits an ongoing effort to further promote workplace safety and efficient claims management. This contract allows the City to provide industrial hygiene services as required by state and federal law. Since 2004, Safex Inc. has done an outstanding job of responding to the industrial hygiene needs of the City's departments. Continuing the existing contractual relationship with Safex Inc. enables the administration to achieve its objective of improving the level of workplace safety and decreasing the risk of exposure to injury. This female owned business has helped the City in all aspects of industrial hygiene and safety tasks in an efficient and cost effective manner.

**EMERGENCY:** Emergency action is requested in order that industrial hygiene services and safety program assistance may continue without disruption subsequent to the passage of this legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is being provided from the 2014 Employee Benefit Fund budget for Occupational Safety & Health purposes.

Safex Inc.'s contract compliance number is 311365251.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Human Resources to enter into a contract with Safex Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance as may be necessary in industrial hygiene services and safety program assistance to all divisions; to authorize the expenditure of \$120,000.00 from the employee benefits fund; to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Codes, 1959; and to declare an emergency (\$120,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to continue to provide industrial hygiene services in an efficient, cost effective and consistent manner; and

**WHEREAS,** the Safex Corporation currently provides effective industrial hygiene service and safety program assistance and training for the City; and

**WHEREAS,** these services have assisted the City in decreasing the risk of exposure to workplace injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the mutual best interest of the city and all divisions to continue the existing level of industrial hygiene service delivery, therefore requiring the waiver of the competitive bidding provisions set forth in the Columbus City Codes; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Safex Inc. so that the services may continue without interruption 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 Director of the Department of Human Resources is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Safex Inc. to assist the City in providing industrial hygiene services and safety program assistance to all divisions.

**SECTION 2.** That the provisions of Chapter 329.10 of the Columbus City Codes be waived.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$120,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the Human Resources Department Employee Benefits Fund | Fund 502 | Organization 46-02 | OCA 461046 | OL3 3336 to pay the cost thereof.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** 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.