



## Legislation Text

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### **Background:**

SA005195 was advertised on City of Columbus Vendor Services seeking a request for information on mowers similar to the product needs and specifications required by Parks Maintenance. The Recreation and Parks Maintenance believes that no product was proposed as part of this process that would better serve the need of the Parks Maintenance than the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower as provided by Reynolds Farm Equipment.

The Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower is a product, sold and distributed exclusively in the State of Ohio by Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division.

There is no product that meets the needs of Parks Maintenance as much as the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower. After demonstrations and product testing of models with similar, but not exactly matching specifications, the department determined the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower to be the best performing machine and the highest value for the quoted price. The ability to maneuver in small, tight areas around City Parks without damaging the ground was a necessary characteristic. The ability to turn and reverse direction without the potential damage from the mower is a very important attribute that this machine demonstrated over others that were reviewed. This aspect of maneuverability is of particular importance as this mower will be primarily responsible for mowing the prime fields in the park. Moreover, the productivity and efficiency of a zero-turn machine allows the department to accomplish more mowing in less time than other mowers of similar specifications.

Because of exclusive distribution rights of Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division for the Lastec product line, there is only one price for the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower. Additionally, competition is precluded by the existence of an agreement with the manufacturer, who has given Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division an exclusive right to market this product to its customers.

### **Principal Parties:**

Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc  
12501 Reynolds Drive  
Fishers, IN 46038  
Phone: 317-849-0810

### **Emergency Action:**

An emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract so that the equipment is available for use during the 2014 outdoor season.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$173,000.00 for this purchase is available in the Recreation and Parks operating fund and the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish a purchase order with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the City Code, Section 329.27; to authorize the expenditure of \$173,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund and the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$173,000.00) **(REPEALED BY ORD. 2042-2014 PASSED 9/22/2014)**

**WHEREAS**, this equipment purchase is necessary for the purpose of equipment for the Recreation and Parks Maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. is the regional supplier of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code pursuant to CCC Section 329.27; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers so that the equipment is available during the 2014 outdoor season; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc., 12501 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038 for the purchase of Four (4) Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers.

**SECTION 2.** To waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code pursuant to CCC Section 329.27.

**SECTION 3.** That the total expenditure of \$86,500.00 is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks operating fund 285:

Fund 285, OCA#510487, Object Level 3# 6652 / \$86,500.00

**SECTION 4.** That the total expenditure of \$86,500.00 is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 702:

Fund 702, OCA#724001, Object Level 3# 6652 / \$86,500.00/ Project 510040-100001 (Maintenance Equipment)

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance;

**SECTION 6.** 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.