



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** In 1993 the State of Ohio passed House Bill 152, which requires the Division of Water to pay operating license fees for the three water treatment plants (Hap Cremean, Parsons Avenue and Dublin Road). This fee is based upon the number of service connections. This is the 22nd year for this payment. The fee is payable to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency by December 31, 2014.

There is a total of 279,644 connections multiplied by 0.76 per connection.

The Ohio EPA's Federal Identification Number is 31-6402047 (082). Governmental Agency

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Division of Water has allocated \$212,681.44 for this payment in the 2014 Budget.  
\$212,899.56 was expended for this purpose in 2013  
\$211,546.00 was expended for this purpose in 2012.

Emergency legislation is being requested so that payment to the State of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency deadline of December 31, 2014 is met.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to pay operating license fees for the City's three water treatment plants to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the Division of Water; to authorize the expenditure of \$212,681.44 from the Water Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$212,681.44)

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio passed House Bill 152 in 1993 requiring the Division of Water to pay operating license fees for three water treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, this fee is based upon the number of service connections. This is the 22nd year for this payment. This fee is payable to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency by December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to pay State of Ohio operating fees to the State of Ohio EPA on or before December 31, 2014 for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to pay operating license fees, to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on or before December 31, 2014 for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 2.** 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 3.** That the expenditure of \$212,681.44 much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from Water Operating Fund 600, Department 60-09, OCA Code 601989, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3401, to pay the cost thereof.

**SECTION 4.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, where is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, which 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.