



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: On June 3, 2013, Council passed Ordinance 1208-2013 to allow the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with a software services provider STR LLC, (contract compliance #84-1703484, expires 5/9/15) to provide a comprehensive database for the Land Redevelopment Office and to pay the annual user subscription service fee for the first year. The software has enabled the Columbus Land Bank Program to better monitor its growing inventory, track tax foreclosures, merge various datasets into one system, and upgrade how properties are marketed on the City's website.

This legislation authorizes the Department of Development to amend contract EL014706 with STR LLC to extend the term of the agreement until December 31, 2015 and increase the contract amount by \$30,000 to pay the annual user subscription service fee for an additional year.

Emergency action is requested so that the operations of the Columbus Land Bank Program can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$30,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Land Management Fund. The unencumbered cash balance of this fund is approximately \$754,985.47.

To authorize the appropriation of \$30,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Land Management Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to modify a contract with STR LLC to renew the annual user subscription service fee for software services provided for the Land Redevelopment Office's comprehensive database; to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000.00 from the Land Management Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, Council passed Ordinance 1208-2013 to allow the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with a software services provider STR LLC, to provide a comprehensive database for the Land Redevelopment Office and to pay the annual user subscription service fee for the first year; and

WHEREAS, the software has enabled the Columbus Land Bank Program to better monitor its growing inventory, track tax foreclosures, merge various datasets into one system, and upgrade how properties are marketed on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, this legislation authorizes the amendment of the contract with STR LLC to renew the annual user subscription service fee for software services provided for the Land Redevelopment Office's comprehensive database for the coming year 2014-15; and

WHEREAS, this legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$30,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Land Management Fund. The unencumbered cash balance of this fund is approximately \$754,985.47; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, that it is immediately necessary to modify said contract so that the operations of the Columbus Land Bank Program can continue without

interruption, all for the immediate 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 from the unallocated monies in the Land Management Fund, Fund 206, and from any and all sources unallocated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, the sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3367, OCA Code 441206.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to modify contract EL014706 with STR LLC (contract compliance #84-1703484, expires 5/9/15) to extend the term of the agreement until December 31, 2015 and increase the contract amount by \$30,000 to pay the annual user subscription service fee for software services provided for the Land Redevelopment Office's comprehensive database for an additional year.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$30,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Division 44-01, Land Management Fund, Fund 206, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3367, OCA 441206.

SECTION 4. That this modification is made pursuant to Section 329.16 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 5. 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 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.