



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Golden Barrel LLC, 4750 Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43213 (account number 527111-1139989) for overpayment of water and sewer charges.

On July 21, 2014 the customer was billed an estimated reading due to the fact that department personnel could not get to the meter. The estimated billing was in the amount of \$15,114.75.

On July 23, 2014 customer had requested a meter test due to several bills that were higher than normal. Department personnel tested the meter and identified a leak on the property. The customer was credited \$12,312.36 for a leak adjustment to the sewer charges.

The department was able to obtain an inside meter read which amounted to a bill of \$5841.87 and the department attempted to cancel the estimated read of \$15,114.75. However, the customer had submitted a payment for that amount along with payment in the amount of \$5841.87. Because the customer paid the incorrect estimated bill this created a total credit, including the leak adjustment of \$27,427.11 (\$12,312.36 + \$15,114.75).

After subsequent bills paid by the customer the credit amount was reduced to \$23,198.16.

The customer closed the account on August 27, 2014 and requested a credit rebate from the account on October 3, 2014. The total amount of the credit rebate owed to the customer is \$23,198.16

It is requested that this legislation be handled in an emergency manner in order to reimburse the customer at the earliest possible date.

Contract Compliance is not required as this refund is necessary to our customer to whom we have agreed to provide services.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no budgetary impact. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse Golden Barrel LLC for overpayment of water and sewer charges, to authorize a revenue reduction transaction of \$23,198.16, and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Golden Barrel LLC, 4750 E Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43213 (527111-1139989) for overpayment of water and sewer charges; and

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WHEREAS, After subsequent bills paid by the customer the credit amount was reduced to \$23,198.16. The customer closed the account on August 27, 2014 and requested a credit rebate from the account on October 3, 2014. The total amount of the credit rebate owed to the customer is \$23,198.16, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to reimburse Golden Barrel LLC, 4750 E Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43213 (527111-1139989) for water and sewer charges in order to reimburse them at the earliest possible date, for the immediate preservation of 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 reimburse Golden Barrel LLC., 4750 E Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43213 (account number 527111-1139989) for water and sewer charges.

SECTION 2. That a revenue reduction transaction in the total amount of \$23,198.16 or as much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from:

Water Operating Fund 600, Dept. 60-09, \$5442.90

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650, Dept. 60-05, \$ 17,755.26

SECTION 3. That for 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.