



## Legislation Text

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The cooperative program of investigation by the U.S. Geological Survey has been continued for several years. It provides valuable water resource data to the City at much less than the cost of providing such data by other means. The program is sponsored by the Federal Government for forty percent (40%) of the cost for most of these projects.

The agreement will provide stream gauging, reservoir gauging, and capture zone analysis for the Division of Water and the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and Optimum Well Hydrology for the Parsons Avenue Water Plant South Wellfield. The Divisions of Water and Sewerage and Drainage solicited a quotation from the U.S. Geological Survey in accordance with City Code Section 329. The period for this agreement is from October 1, 2015 to and including September 30, 2016.

**ORGANIZATION:** Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior (53-0196958)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds are budgeted in the 2015 Sewer System Operating Fund, Storm Sewer Operating Fund, and Water Operating Fund's budgets to fund this purchase which totals \$335,594.00.

The Divisions of Water and Sewerage and Drainage have participated in a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in prior years in the amount of \$335,594 in 2014-2015 and \$295,594 in 2013-2014.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, for Investigation of Water Resources in Central Ohio, Ground Water Levels in Franklin County and the Scioto River for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage and Division of Water; to authorize the expenditure of \$62,175.00 from the Sewer System Operating Fund, \$61,400.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund, and \$212,019.00 from the Water Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$335,594.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to continue the cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, for the Investigation of Water Resources at the following locations: Scioto River at Dublin, Mill Creek at Bellpoint, Bokes Creek near Warrensburg, Big Walnut Creek at Rees, Central College, Hellbranch and Sunbury, Reservoir Operations at O'Shaughnessy, Griggs, and Hoover Reservoirs, Hydrologic Interaction between the Scioto River and the South Columbus Well Field, and Ground Water Levels for the Division of Water, and the Scioto River at Columbus for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, for the period of October 1, 2015 to and including September 30, 2016; 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 enter into a cooperative agreement between the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, and the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, in order that the Investigations of Water Resources, Ground Water Levels, Hydrologic Interaction between the Scioto River and the South Columbus Wellfield and the submitting of reports covering the results of said investigations by the Geological Survey may continue uninterrupted for the above mentioned locations 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 enter into a cooperative agreement between the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, and the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, for the Investigation of Water Resources at the following locations: Scioto River at Dublin, Mill Creek at Bellpoint, Bokes Creek near Warrensburg, Big Walnut Creek at Rees, Central College, Hellbranch and Sunbury, Reservoir Operations at O'Shaughnessy, Griggs, and Hoover Reservoirs, Hydrologic Interaction between the Scioto River and the South Columbus Wellfield, and Ground Water Levels for the Division of Water, and the Scioto River at Columbus for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, for the period of October 1, 2015 to and including September 30, 2016.

**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 \$335,594.00 or as much as may be needed, is hereby authorized as follows:

Sewer System Operating Fund 650,  
Division: 60-05  
OCA Code 605006  
Object Level Three 3407;  
Amount: \$62,175.00

Stormwater System Operating Fund, Fund 675  
Division: 60-15  
OCA Code: 675002  
Object Level Three 3407  
Amount: \$61,400.00

Water Operating Fund, Fund 600  
Division: 60-09  
OCA Code: 602029  
Object Level Three: 3407  
Amount: \$212,019.00

**TOTAL AMOUNT: \$335,594.00**

**SECTION 4.** 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.