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**BACKGROUND:** Ordinance 2616-2013 passed November 18, 2013, authorized the expenditure of \$739,001.00 to preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families. This ordinance expands the scope of eligible activities for these funds to include emergency repair services. It authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to contract with two contractors, Ohio Mechanical and Capital Plumbing, that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus and to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) SA-005831 was issued and all those who responded were selected, two of the contractors are receiving bond funds to enable them to assist customers who were served at a time when CDBG funds were not available. Emergency repair services include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Columbus.

The Housing Preservation Bond Fund represents the City's commitment to the preservation and production of housing units affordable to very-low, low and moderate-income individuals. Funds will be used to meet housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the continuation of emergency repair services without interruption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation expands the activities eligible for expenditure. Funding is being provided from ACPR000150.

To amend Ordinance 2616-2013, passed November 20, 2013, to include emergency repair services as eligible expenditures; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to contract with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** on November 20, 2013 City Council passed Ordinance 2616-2013 authorizing expenditure of \$739,001.00 to provide grant assistance for the affordable housing projects administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program including the Home Safe and Sound Program and the Home Modification Program; and

**WHEREAS,** since then, it has been determined that the City needs to expand the use of the funds to include emergency home repairs; and

**WHEREAS,** this legislation will amend both the Title and Sections of Ordinance 2616-2013 to include emergency repair activities as eligible expenses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to enter into agreements with two contractors to provide materials and services related to the Emergency Repair Program; and

**WHEREAS,** American Mechanical (contract compliance number: 371480212, expiration: 2/20/17), Ohio Mechanical (contract compliance number: 311676592, expiration: 8/26/17), Capital Plumbing (contract compliance number: 200557202, expiration: 6-3-17), and TFH-EB dba The Water Works (contract compliance number: 311162504, expiration:

2/26/17) responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-005831) and were selected; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to obtain services from all contractors that responded to the Request for Proposals at a uniform cost, the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code must be waived; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Mechanical and Capital Plumbing were able to render these services at a time when CDBG funds were not available; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency action is necessary to allow for the continuation of emergency repair services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to expend said funds thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That Section 1 of Ordinance 2616-2013 is amended to read as follows: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to make financial assistance available to eligible homeowners through the Home Safe and Sound, Home Modification Program and the Emergency Repair Program administered by the Housing Division.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into contracts with the vendors listed below, in accordance with Columbus City Code, to provide emergency home repair services to correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of homes owned by low and moderate- income households.

Ohio Mechanical	cc# 311676592, expiration 8/26/17	<b>\$26,767.81</b>
Capital Plumbing	cc# 200557202, expiration 6-3-17	<b>\$38,225.44</b>

**SECTION 3.** That this Council finds it in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 4.** 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.