



Legislation Text

File #: 2379-2016, **Version:** 1

Background:

This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to modify an existing contract with The Title Company, for the provision of title services. The City Attorney's Office selected The Title Company because it best meets the needs of the City Attorney's Office. Specifically, The Title Company provides lien searches necessary for the filing of nuisance abatement cases. The City Attorney's Office has reached the maximum amount of the existing contract due to a significantly increased caseload this year.

Emergency: Emergency declaration is requested so the nuisance abatement cases can continue to be filed with minimal interruption.

Fiscal Impact: This a Special Revenue fund that is funded with environmental fines, awards of judgment and monetary contempt penalties imposed by the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court. There are sufficient funds available to cover this appropriation and expenditure.

Contract Compliance Number:

The Title Company, LTD CC#: CC81397-104341 Expires: 10/05/2017

This company is neither debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government nor prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

To authorize the City Attorney to modify an existing contract with The Title Company for the provision of title services; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$30,000.00 from the Environmental Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code, and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City Attorney entered into a contract with The Title Company for title services in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Title Company provides lien searches necessary for the filing of nuisance abatement cases.

WHEREAS, due to significantly increased caseload, it is necessary to increase the contract amount by an additional Thirty Thousand Dollars bringing the total maximum contract amount to Forty Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions will remain the same; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office requests and recommends the waiver of the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes to allow continuation of services with the existing service provider; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Attorney's Office in that this contract will minimize the interruption of nuisance abatement case filings by ensuring uninterrupted availability of necessary title services at an economical flat-fee rate and for the preservation of public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney be and hereby is authorized to modify an existing contract with The Title Company, for the provision of title services for the maximum amount of Forty Thousand Dollars.

SECTION 2. That City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to waive the provisions of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes pertaining to competitive bidding and the same are hereby waived for the purposes of entering into this contract.

SECTION 3. That from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the sum of \$30,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and expended in Fund 2297 Environmental in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That funds appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the City Attorney and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 6. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.