



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds within the Water Operating Fund and between the Water Operating Fund and the Electricity Operating Fund to allow for payment to the Division of Power for electric usage that was previously underbilled. Two of the meters at the Hap Cremean Water Plant had multiplier errors, which resulted in underreported usage and prompted the need for billing corrections. The Division of Power has calculated the unbilled charges to total \$1,422,822.68. This legislation also authorizes the appropriation of \$1,422,822.68 within the Electricity Operating Fund for funding of a future capital project.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is sufficient budget authority available in the 2017 Water Operating Fund's Budget to fund the transfers and appropriation, which total \$1,422,822.68.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency in order to align budget authority with projected expenditures to provide for the timely payment of these charges to the Division of Power.

To authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$1,422,822.68 between Object Classes within the Water Operating Fund Budget; to authorize the transfer of \$1,422,822.68 from the Water Operating Fund to the Electricity Operating Fund for the payment of unbilled electric charges for the Division of Water; to appropriate \$1,422,822.68 within the Electricity Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,422,822.68).

WHEREAS, the Division of Water has a need to transfer \$1,422,822.68 between Object Classes within the 2017 Water Operating Fund's Budget. Funds for the transfer have been identified and are available in Object Classes 01 (Personnel), 02 (Supplies & Materials), 03 (Services), and 06 (Capital); and

WHEREAS, the Division of Water has a further need to transfer those funds to the Electricity Operating Fund for the payment of unbilled charges resulting from multiplier errors in two meters at the Hap Cremean Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Power has a need to appropriate the \$1,422,822.68 within Object Class 06 (Capital) for funding of a future project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Divisions of Water and Power, in that it is immediately necessary to transfer appropriation between Object Classes within the Water Operating Fund and between the Water Operating Fund and the Electricity Operating Fund, to allow for the timely payment of electric charges to the Division of Power; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the transfer of \$1,422,822.68 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between Object Classes within Fund 6000 Water Operating Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$1,422,822.68 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between Fund 6000 Water Operating Fund and Fund 6300 Electricity Operating Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That \$1,422,822.68 is hereby appropriated in Fund 6300 Electricity Operating Fund per the accounting 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 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.