



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to establish an encumbrance within the Special Income Tax Fund for 2018 waste disposal tipping fees for the Division of Refuse Collection and to expend funds to pay the tipping fees. This expense is necessary to safely and contractually dispose of the waste collected by the division in the course of pursuing its mission of providing residential refuse collection services to over 327,000 households weekly and picking up bulk items and illegally dumped items as needed.

The Department of Public Service has determined that \$16,726,000.00 should be adequate for this purpose. This number is based upon an estimated waste stream of 314,000 tons in 2017. Actual tonnage is ultimately dependent on variables such as the weather, the actual number of households collected that cannot be specifically calculated at this time, and the unknown amount of bulk and illegally dumped items. If necessary, additional legislation will be submitted to increase funds at a later date.

Previous calendar years' actual tipping fee expenditures totaled \$12,943,226.58 (2007), \$12,901,357.53 (2008), \$13,049,098.46 (2009), \$13,312,244.86 (2010), \$14,522,167.56 (2011), \$16,543,036.71 (2012), \$15,873,121.00 (2013), \$16,752,000.00 (2014), \$17,419,889.00 (2015), \$17,134,777.00 (2016), and \$16,656,304.00 in 2017. SWACO tipping fee rates are determined by SWACO's established rate setting process. Due to an existing contractual relationship where the City of Columbus participates in the rate setting process the City is required to use SWACO waste disposal services. The vendors and waste disposal fees for tire disposal services and construction/demolition material disposal services will be determined through the city's competitive bidding process.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

This 2018 expense is budgeted within the Special Income Tax Fund and was a part of Ordinance 3010-2017 approved by Council on 1/29/2018.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Ordinance 3010-2017 authorizing the use of Special Income Tax Fund money for waste disposal tipping purposes had to be approved by council before this encumbrance could be established. Per the contract with SWACO, the city is subject to late fees for all invoices not paid within the due date. Emergency action is requested to avoid delays of payment to SWACO that could result in the city incurring interest penalties as specified within the contract.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to establish an encumbrance of \$16,706,000.000 to pay refuse tipping fees to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) for the Division of Refuse Collection pursuant to an existing lease agreement; to establish encumbrances up to \$20,000.00 for tire disposal and construction/demolition (C&D) material disposal; to authorize the expenditure of \$16,726,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Special Income Tax Fund for waste disposal tipping fees; and to declare an emergency (\$16,726,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Refuse Collection must encumber funds to continue refuse tipping at the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) facilities, pursuant to the lease agreement between the City and SWACO for those facilities, and must encumber funds for disposal of tires and construction/demolition material disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has determined that \$16,726,000.00 should be adequate for this purpose and is based upon an estimated waste stream of 314,000 tons in 2017; and

WHEREAS, actual tonnage is ultimately dependent on variables such as the weather, the actual number of households

collected that cannot be specifically calculated at this time, and the unknown amount of bulk and illegally dumped items; and

WHEREAS, if necessary, additional legislation will be submitted to increase funds at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the vendors and waste disposal fees for tire disposal services and construction/demolition material disposal services will be determined through the city's competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Refuse Collection, Department of Public Service, in that it is immediately necessary to establish an encumbering document with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for 2018 refuse disposal services, to avoid incurring interest penalties due to late payments, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to establish an encumbrance of \$16,706,000.00 with SWACO for 2018 refuse tipping services for the Division of Refuse Collection at the various rate charges assigned to each tipping location and any legal subsequently adjusted rates, and to establish encumbrances of \$20,000.00 for disposal of tires and for disposal of construction/demolition material.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$16,726,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 4430 Special Income Tax Fund in object class 03 Purchased Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That, due to an existing contractual relationship where the City of Columbus participates in the rate setting process the City is required to use SWACO waste disposal services and all other contracts will be awarded in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 329.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make any/all other accounting changes for the transactions discussed within this ordinance that are construed by the City Auditor to be reasonably consistent with the intent of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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.