



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to purchase advertising space in The Daily Reporter. The advertising space will be used to publish public notices of property owners issued a notice of violation for sidewalks.

Columbus City Code Chapter 905 establishes the responsibility of the property owner to, at their own expense, maintain and repair the sidewalk, shared use path, driveway approach, and curb located within the public right-of-way within or along their property. The purpose of this code is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all persons in order to prevent and/or abate hazardous sidewalk conditions within the public right-of-way.

The Department of Public Service has investigated complaints about sidewalks submitted through the City's 311 system. An inspector has determined sidewalks are in violation of City Code and need to be repaired. The public notices will be posted in conjunction with a certified letter sent to the property address notifying the property owner of the violation and of their obligation to repair the sidewalk.

Searches in the System for Award Management System (Federal) and the Findings for Recovery list (State) produced no findings against The Daily Reporter.

2. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

The contract compliance number for The Daily Reporter is CC004857 and expires 04/16/20.

3. FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this contract are budgeted and available within Fund 7766, the Street and Highway Improvement Non-Bond Fund.

4. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so repairs can be made as soon as possible to eliminate existing unsafe conditions.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to purchase advertising space in the Daily Reporter for the purpose of issuing public notices of sidewalk violations; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000.00 from the Street and Highway Improvement Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus City Code Chapter 905 establishes property owners are responsible for maintaining and repairing the sidewalk, shared use path, driveway approach, and curb located within the public right-of-way within or along their property; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has investigated complaints about sidewalks submitted through the City's 311 system; and

WHEREAS, an inspector has determined sidewalks are in violation of City Code and need to be repaired; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue public notices of the violations; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that the public notices should be posted so that repairs can be made in order to eliminate existing unsafe conditions, 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 is hereby authorized to purchase advertising space in The Daily Reporter, 580 South High Street, Suite 316, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, up to the amount of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed for the purpose of advertising public notices for the sidewalk notice of violation program.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$15,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7766 (Street and Highway Improvement Non-Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P590105-100089 (Pedestrian Safety Improvement - Sidewalk NOV), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

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.