



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND: The Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to apply for and execute up to forty-three (43) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan agreements in 2019, totaling approximately \$293 million, for the construction of forty-three Sanitary, Stormwater, and Treatment Engineering Capital Improvement Projects as identified in Section 1., under the direction of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD). This loan program is jointly administered by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The WPCLF Loan Fund program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal Stormwater and Wastewater system improvements.

2. FISCAL IMPACT: There is sufficient budget authority in the 2019 Sewer Systems and Stormwater Operating Funds for the loan application fee expenditures. These loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from sewerage system and Stormwater rates (dedicated source of repayment). Sewerage system and Stormwater rate increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to forty-three (43) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to forty-three Division of Sewerage and Drainage construction projects; and to designate a dedicated source of repayment for the loans.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities is scheduled to prepare loan applications for up to \$293 million in financing, for submittal to the Ohio EPA under the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program to finance, through below-market interest rate loans, the construction of up to forty-three capital improvements projects under the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, which said financial assistance may be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's sewerage customers; and

WHEREAS, prior to WPLCF loan agreement approval by the Ohio Water Development Authority, the WPCLF loan application and loan agreement documents require the City to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of approved City Council legislation authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Department to apply for and subsequently execute said WPCLF agreements, and to authorize a dedicated source of loan repayment for the loans; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to apply for, accept and enter into WPCLF loan agreements with Ohio Water Development Authority and submit a copy of this legislation to the Ohio EPA prior to the OWDA board's consideration for approval as part of the loan agreements' approval process; **now, therefore**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and enter into up to forty-three (43) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to forty-three Division of Sewerage and Drainage projects as described with the "not to exceed" project costs in parenthesis, below:

610050-100000	Fountain Square Stormwater System Imps	(\$4,800,000.00)
610785-100000	Linden Stormwater System Imps	(\$1,320,000.00)
610788-100000	Lehnert Farms / Bolton Field Stormwater Imps	(\$1,800,000.00)
610792-100003	Summit View Detention Basin Imps	(\$780,000.00)
610804-100001	Old Beechwold Stormwater System Imps	(\$5,040,000.00)
611010-100000	Holt / Somersworth Stormwater System Imps	(\$1,320,000.00)
611021-100000	Fairwood Facilities Stormwater System Imps	(\$2,400,000.00)
611030-100000	Holton Park & Eureka Ave GI	(\$600,000.00)
611033-100000	Central Ave Underpass Stormwater System Imps	(\$1,509,000.00)
611700-100000	Bethel Rd Culvert Rehabilitation	(\$600,000.00)
650009-100001	Real Time Controls at Alum Creek Storm Tanks	(\$1,200,000.00)
650243-100002	JPWWTP Biosolids Land Application Facility	(\$18,360,000.00)
650258-100001	Facilities and Equipment Upgrades at WSST	(\$14,400,000.00)
650353-100003	SWWTP Digestion Process Expansion	(\$26,977,000.00)
650375-100002	Compost Facilities Odor Control Imps	(\$28,932,000.00)
650404-100045	2018 Annual Lining Contract	(\$6,000,000.00)
650491-100005	Lockbourne Subtrunk Air Quality Imps	(\$3,840,000.00)
650496-100000	Hayden Run Aerial Sewer Imps	(\$744,000.00)
650560-100001	East Franklinton Sewer	(\$1,800,000.00)
650570-100000	Woodward Ave Sanitary Sewer	(\$630,000.00)
650600-100006	Franklin Main Interceptor Section 6 King to W 2nd	(\$2,400,000.00)
650700-100000	Portage Grove Sanitary Sewer	(\$2,520,000.00)
650725-100014	Near North & East Large Diameter Sewer Rehab	(\$14,400,000.00)
650725-100016	Alum Creek (Middle) & Alum Creek Interceptor Sewer - Contract C	(\$8,400,000.00)
650744-100000	Brimfield Sanitary Sewer	(\$1,656,000.00)
650755-100000	3rd Ave CSO Increased Capture & GI	(\$3,728,000.00)
650768-100003	3rd Ave Relief Sewer	(\$3,840,000.00)
650870-100701	Blueprint Linden GI - Hudson/McGuffey	(\$6,000,000.00)
650870-100702	Blueprint Linden GI - Oakland Park/Medina	(\$3,600,000.00)
650870-100703	Blueprint Linden GI - Agler/Berrell	(\$4,326,000.00)
650870-100704	Blueprint Linden GI - Artane/Parkwood	(\$3,600,000.00)

650870-100801	Blueprint Hilltop GI - Palmetto/Westgate	(\$14,400,000.00)
650870-100802	Blueprint Hilltop GI - Eureka/Fremont	(\$12,365,000.00)
650870-101201	Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Newton/Bedford	(\$7,440,000.00)
650870-101202	Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Kent/Fairwood	(\$3,708,000.00)
650870-116161	Blueprint West Franklinton Sewer Imps	(\$584,000.00)
650872-110171 & 650871-110171	Blueprint Clintonville Lateral Lining & Downspout Redirect - Cooke/Glenmont	(\$5,424,000.00)
650872-110173 & 650871-110173	Blueprint Clintonville Lateral Lining & Downspout Redirect - Blenheim/Glencoe	(\$16,582,000.00)
650872-110176 & 650871-110176	Blueprint Clintonville Lateral Lining & Downspout Redirect - Schreyer/Springs	(\$4,800,000.00)
650875-122190	Blueprint Near South Area Main Line Lining	(\$8,400,000.00)
650885-100001	Scioto Peninsula Improvements - Belle St.	(\$2,641,000.00)
650886-100000	Scioto Main Sanitary Pump Station	(\$36,000,000.00)
650890-100000	Meeklyn Dr Sanitary Sewer	(\$2,640,000.00)

SECTION 2. That Sewerage System Service Charges are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Sanitary and Treatment Engineering projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

SECTION 3. That Stormwater Fees are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Stormwater projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 5. 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 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.