



Legislation Text

File #: 3012-2018, **Version:** 1

Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to expend \$165,000.00 for the use of the Franklin County Correction Centers for the housing of City of Columbus prisoners. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into a contract, numbered CT-15777, that charges a per diem amount for the housing of prisoners, thus eliminating the need for an annual reconciliation. This contract, signed in 1994 by the County Commissioners and the city is amended periodically only for per diem increases. The current per diem amount of \$82.00 per day was established on January 1st, 2018. This ordinance is a request to encumber an additional \$165,000.00 towards jail per diem expenses to ensure that sufficient funds are available to pay for expenditures through February of 2019. These funds are in addition to the \$3,900,000.00 that was established for jail expenses earlier this year.

Bid Information: N/A

Contract Compliance Number: N/A

Emergency Designation: An emergency designation will insure timely payments to Franklin County.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Public Safety Director's office budgeted \$4.0 million in the 2018 General Fund budget for the jail contract with Franklin County. Ordinance 0613-2018, approved by City Council on March 12, 2018 established \$3.9 million for jail per-diem expenses. This ordinance authorizes an additional \$165,000.00 for the jail contract. Therefore, the city's total jail contract encumbrance with Franklin County is expected to be \$4,065,000.00 for 2018. The city's cost of housing prisoners with Franklin County was \$4,384,074.00 in 2016 and \$4,504,172.00 in 2017.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to expend funds for the use of the Franklin County Correction Centers for the housing of City of Columbus prisoners pursuant to contract; to authorize the expenditure of \$165,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$165,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to continue its agreement with The Franklin County Commissioners for the housing of prisoners in the Franklin County Correctional Centers by encumbering additional funds for prisoner expenses; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Safety to continue with the terms of contract number CT-15777 between the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Commissioners established in 1994; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to continue the contract with Franklin County, numbered CT-15777, and encumber funds to ensure timely payments for services already provided by the Franklin County Sheriff, for the preservation of 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 Safety is hereby authorized and directed to pay City of Columbus prisoner expenses to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with contract number CT-15777, for the housing of prisoners in the Franklin County Correction Centers.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$165,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000-100010 in object Class 03, Professional Services, per the accounting codes in the spreadsheet

attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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.