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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish purchase orders with Apelles, LLC for fees associated with collection services for the Department of Public Utilities in accordance with the contract established by the City Attorney's Office through Ordinance 0387-2017.

The City Attorney's Office has established a contract with Apelles, LLC to provide collection services for various city agencies. The Department of Public Utilities utilizes this contract for the collection of delinquent and small dollar amount accounts receivable, other debts, and judgments. Collections received from Apelles, LLC are deposited into the appropriate enterprise funds.

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

SUPPLIER: Apelles, LLC (41-2104380) Expires 1/24/2020

Fiscal Impact: This contract is self-funding. The agent is paid fees from the money they collect. One hundred percent of monies collected are remitted to the city and invoices from the collection agency are paid from the funds collected.

To authorize the appropriation and expenditure of $50,000.00 from the Collection Fees fund to establish a purchase order with Apelles, LLC for collection services for the Department of Public Utilities. ($50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office has established a contract with Apelles, LLC for collection services for various city agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities utilizes this contract for the collection of delinquent and small dollar amount accounts receivable, other debts, and judgments; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to establish a purchase order with Apelles, LLC in the amount of $50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director of Public utilities to establish a purchase order for the collection of delinquent and small dollar amount accounts receivable, other debts, and judgments with Apelles, LLC; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with Apelles, LLC for collection services for the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of $50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose, the sum of $50,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 2295 - Collection

Fees Fund, Subfund 229520 - Electricity Collections, 6001 - Department of Public Utilities - Director's Office per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That said firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities.

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

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