



## Legislation Text

**File #:** 0444-2019, **Version:** 1

**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy. The contract will allow for the awarding of college credit for each recruit who completes coursework at the Fire Academy. The waiving of certain fees that students are normally charged by Columbus State Community College continues the strategic partnership between the Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College, which allows for each to cooperate in the sharing of significant state-of-the-art facilities.

**Contract Compliance:** Columbus State Community College - #31-0729591 (Vendor #004263)

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested as funds are necessary to allow for the immediate execution of the contract to continue the education services and appropriate certifications.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with Columbus State Community College and expend \$86,940.00 for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire sworn personnel. The Division of Fire has budgeted \$86,940.00 in the 2019 general fund operating budget for this expense.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy; to authorize the expenditure of \$86,940.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$86,940.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Safety has executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Columbus Division of Fire and Columbus State Community College, which allows Columbus Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Columbus Fire Academy to be awarded direct college credit to be applied toward college advancement; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for the awarding of college credit to Division of Fire personnel, 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 Safety be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus State Community College for the awarding of college credit to Columbus Division of Fire personnel who have received and completed training from the Division's Training Academy.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$86,940.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the general fund 1000-100010, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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.