



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Real Estate Management Office, to pay rent for seven (7) existing lease agreements for office space for the Municipal Court, the Departments of Development and Public Safety, and an internal Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Utilities. Each of these agreements has automatic renewal options that are subject to appropriation and funding by Council for payment of the associated rents.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,354,440.00 from the Special Income Tax Fund for payment of rent associated with seven (7) leases and an internal Memorandum of Understanding for the 2019-2020 renewal term. The Real Estate Management Office budgeted \$1,354,440.00 within the 2019 Special Income Tax Fund for these expenditures.

Emergency Action: Emergency action is requested to allow for the timely payment of rent associated with the 2019 term for each lease and the Memorandum of Understanding.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Real Estate Management Office, to pay rent associated with existing lease agreements and an internal Memorandum of Understanding; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,354,440.00 from the Special Income Tax Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$1,354,440.00)

WHEREAS, City Council previously authorized a Memorandum of Understanding and seven (7) lease agreements with automatic renewal terms with each renewal term being subject to the appropriation of rental funds and certification of funds availability by the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, funding for the payment of the associated rents with these agreements is provided for within the 2019 Special Income Tax Fund; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of funds for these lease agreements and Memorandum of Understanding from the Special Income Tax Fund is necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend funds for the lease with Franklin County Commissioners for the Municipal Court authorized by City Council Ordinance 1774-2008; the first and second six month renewals of a lease with Integrated-Fairfield Holdings, LLC as originally authorized by City Council Ordinance 0413-2018; the sixth renewal of a lease with Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba, The Center for Family Safety and Healing authorized by City Council Ordinance 0426-2018; the ninth renewal of a lease with YDT Sinclair Road LLC authorized by City Council Ordinance 1334-2017; the twelfth renewal of a lease with Columbus Downtown Development Corporation authorized by City Council Ordinance 1121-2007; for two (2) leases, each in the fourteenth year of a fifteen (15) year lease, with King Lincoln Gateway LLC authorized by City Council Ordinances 2212-2004 and 0690-2006; and, the first year of a five (5) year term of an internal Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Finance and Management Department, Real Estate Management Office, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to expend funds for the payment of rent for the 2019-2020 renewal term for seven (7) leases and a Memorandum of Understanding in order to allow for the timely payment of rents to ensure that City operations continue uninterrupted, 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 Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Real Estate Management Office, is hereby authorized to expend funds for the payment of rent for existing lease agreements with Franklin County Commissioners, Integrated-Fairfield Holdings LLC, Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba, The Center for Family Safety and Healing, YDT Sinclair Road LLC, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, King Lincoln Gateway LLC (2), and an internal Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Utilities for the lease of office space.

SECTION 2. 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 during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the sum of \$1,354,440.00 is appropriated in Fund 4430 Special Income Tax Fund in Object Class 03, Lease and Rental of Property or Building, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$1,354,440.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 4430 Special Income Tax Fund in Object Class 03, Lease and Rental of Property or Building, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the monies appropriated in SECTION 2 shall be paid upon order of the Finance and Management Director and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial record. The City Auditor is authorized to make any changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modification associated with this ordinance.

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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.