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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Utilities is requesting reimbursement to Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC, 596 Jasonway Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214 (account number 539035-1114802) for over-payment of water and sewer charges. On December 21, 2018, it was discovered that the meter was malfunctioning due to a mismatch of the base and head of the meter when replaced on January 18, 2017. The Department of Public Utilities adjusted the account by determining the normal average daily consumption used at this property and reducing the usage caused by the error. This adjustment resulted in a credit to the account of \$197,982.24.

Subsequent customer billings have reduced the customer credit to a total of \$189,718.53. The Department of Public Utilities requests that this credit be returned to Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC.

It is requested that this legislation be handled in an emergency manner in order to reimburse the customer at the earliest possible date.

Contract Compliance is not required as this refund is necessary to our customer to whom we have agreed to provide services.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no budgetary impact because we are returning a portion of funds the customer paid. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC for over-payment of water and sewer charges; to authorize a revenue reduction transaction of \$197,982.24 and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC, 596 Jasonway Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214 (account number 539035-1114802) for over-payment of water and sewer, and

WHEREAS, the adjustment was made after the customer was billed for and paid for 27,993 CCFs of water and sewer charges which resulted from a mismatched meter head and base for the January 18, 2017 to December 21, 2018 timeframe, and

WHEREAS, once the adjustment was made the customer had a credit on the account 539035-1114802.

WHEREAS, this adjustment and payment resulted in a customer credit of \$197,982.24 and subsequent customer billings have reduced the credit to a total of \$189,718.53; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to reimburse Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC (account number 539035-1114802) for over-payment of water and sewer charges at the earliest possible date, for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; 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 reimburse Olentangy Commons Columbus Association, LLC, (account number 539035-1114802) for over-payment of water and sewer charges.

SECTION 2. That a revenue reduction transaction in the total amount of \$197,982.24 or as much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from:

Water Operating Fund 6000, Dept. 60-09, \$80,461.27

Sewerage System Operating Fund 6100, Dept. 60-05, \$117,520.97

SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is 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.