



## Legislation Text

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**1. BACKGROUND:** Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to execute up to thirty-six (36) Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Loan Agreements totaling approximately \$224 million, for construction of up to thirty-six (36) water system projects as identified in Section 1, under the direction of the Division of Water (DOW). These Capital Improvements Projects have been nominated and await OEPA's approval for financing through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program in Program Year 2020 which runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This loan program is jointly administered by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The WSRLA program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal water system improvements.

**2. FISCAL IMPACT:** All Loan Administration Fees will be rolled into each loan upon execution of the Loan Agreements. These WSRLA loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from water service fees (the dedicated source of repayment). Water service rate increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to thirty-six (36) Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Loan Agreements with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority, during Program Year 2020, for the construction of water distribution and supply system improvements; and to designate a repayment source for the loans.

**WHEREAS,** in Program Year 2020 the Department of Public Utilities is scheduled to prepare Loan Applications for submittal to the Ohio EPA under the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program to finance the construction of up to thirty-six Capital Improvement Projects under the direction of the Division of Water, the financial assistance for which may be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's water rate payers; and

**WHEREAS,** the low-interest loans will be applied for based upon the availability of funds through the Ohio EPA's WSRLA program and executed upon approval of the Loan Applications by Ohio EPA; and

**WHEREAS,** the WSRLA Loan Application and Loan Agreement documents require the City to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of approved City Council legislation authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Department to apply for and subsequently execute the WSRLA agreement(s); Now Therefore:

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and enter into up to thirty-six (36) Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Loan Agreements with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and administered by the Ohio Water Development Authority for the financing of up to thirty-six (36) Division of Water projects, based upon the availability of funds through the Ohio EPA's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program and the Agency's approval, as described, with the "not to exceed" construction costs in parenthesis, as follows:

1	690236-100070	S. Broadleigh Rd. Area WL Improvements	(\$5,200,000)
2	690236-100091	Harrington Ct. Area WL Improvements	(\$3,300,000)
3	690236-100092	South Hampton Rd. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,100,000)

4	690236-100093	East Gates St. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,000,000)
5	690236-100094	Thomas Lane Area WL Improvements (Part 2)	(\$2,800,000)
6	690236-100095	Valleyview Dr. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,600,000)
7	690236-100096	Ziegler Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,400,000)
8	690236-100097	S. Weyant Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,000,000)
9	690236-100098	Chestershire Rd. Area WL Improvements	(\$3,300,000)
10	690236-100099	Atwood Terrace Area WL Improvements	(\$3,600,000)
11	690236-100100	Greenway Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$3,600,000)
12	690236-100101	Woodland Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,300,000)
13	690236-100102	Aragon Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$3,600,000)
14	690236-100103	Mock Rd. Area WL Improvements	(\$3,600,000)
15	690236-100104	Edsel Ave. Area WL Improvements	(\$4,300,000)
16	690236-100112	Transite Pipe Replacements	(\$4,300,000)
17	690236-100113	Manchester Ave. WL Improvements	(\$1,200,000)
18	690236-100116	E. Franklinton WL Improvements (Phase 2)	(\$3,600,000)
19	690236-100117	Oakland Park/Medina WL Improvements	(\$1,200,000)
20	690236-100120	Newton/Bedford WL Improvements	(\$800,000)
21	690236-100140	Old Beechwold Area WL Improvements	(\$3,600,000)
22	690278-100005	DRWP Basin Clarifier Rehabilitation	(\$10,000,000)
23	690291-100002	PAWP Lime Slaker & Soda Ash Feeder Replacement	(\$7,300,000)
24	690358-100000	Enhanced Metering Project - Metering Equipment	(\$6,000,000)
25	690358-100000	Enhanced Metering Project- System Installation	(\$30,000,000)
26	690389-100000	HCWP Basin Concrete Rehabilitation	(\$10,900,000)
27	690451-100001	Mound St. District Booster Station 20-Inch Discharge Line	(\$4,000,000)
28	690486-100000	HCWP Hypochlorite Disinfection Improvements	(\$16,900,000)
29	690487-100000	PAWP Hypochlorite Disinfection Improvements	(\$12,700,000)
30	690502-100000	Dublin Rd. 30-Inch Water Main Extension	(\$8,500,000)
31	690510-100004	HCWP Sludge Disposal Line Improvements	(\$9,100,000)
32	690511-100000	HCWP Intake Structure & Low Head Dam Rehab	(\$9,700,000)
33	690515-100000	Water Quality Assurance Lab Renovations	(\$11,100,000)
34	690533-100002	PAWP Well Pump Replacement	(\$8,500,000)
35	690588-100000	Olentangy River Rd. 24-Inch Water Main (Phase 1)	(\$2,000,000)
36	690588-100001	Olentangy River Rd. 24-Inch Water Main (Phase 2)	(\$3,400,000)

**SECTION 2.** That city water service fee revenues are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan(s).

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.