



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract in the amount of \$125,000 with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of coordinating a regional housing strategy. The past decade has been one of historic growth for Central Ohio, and that growth is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, with MORPC projecting the region to be home to 3 million residents by 2050. Not only is the region growing; it is changing. Increases in both the young adult (Millennial) and 65 and older (Baby Boomer) populations are shifting housing preferences. Furthermore, the highly competitive real estate market and a persistently high poverty rate have led to more vulnerable groups struggling to find safe and decent housing in neighborhoods of choice.

As a result, MORPC, the City of Columbus, and other partners (Project Partners) are coordinating a housing strategy for the region that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth. The goal of the Project Partners is to foster a housing market where every household with a full-time wage earner can obtain housing in the private market, and to effectively supplement the market where we cannot achieve that goal.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is necessary in order to enter into contract with MORPC and facilitate the resulting regional strategy without delay.

Contractor Compliance: CC004591

Contractor Compliance Dates: 11/15/2018 to 11/15/2020

FISCAL IMPACT: The funding for this contract (\$125,000) is fully budgeted within the 2019 General Fund operating budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of creating a regional housing strategy that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth; to authorize the expenditure of \$125,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$125,000.00)

WHEREAS, the past decade has been one of historic growth for Central Ohio, and that growth is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, with MORPC projecting the region to be home to 3 million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, increases in both the young adult (Millennial) and 65 and older (Baby Boomer) populations are shifting housing preferences; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the highly competitive real estate market and a persistently high poverty rate have led to more vulnerable groups struggling to find safe and decent housing in neighborhoods of choice; and

WHEREAS, as a result, MORPC, the City of Columbus, and other partners (Project Partners) are coordinating a housing strategy for the region that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Project Partners is to foster a housing market where every household with a full-time wage earner can obtain housing in the private market, and to effectively supplement the market where we cannot achieve that goal; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with MORPC in order to facilitate the resulting regional strategy, such immediate action being necessary for the preservation of the 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 the Department of Development is authorized to enter into a contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of creating a regional housing strategy that develops investment and policy recommendations for communities to support mixed income neighborhoods and regional growth.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$125,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

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. 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 the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.