



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges to engage in the second year of a three year contract with an optional fourth year of a foreign and sign language services in the Municipal Court building at 375 S. High St. with Cyrillic Communications, LLC. DBA Ohio Translation Services. Formal bid RFQ000946 (foreign) was done and closed on October 13, 2017.

The court is going to also contract with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC, Columbus Bar Interpreting Services, and Deaf Services. This decision was based on language availability.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are budgeted and available within the Municipal Court 2019 general fund appropriations.

Emergency Justification: An emergency is requested so that there is no break in service.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to renew a contract with Ohio Translation Services for foreign language interpreter services for the Franklin County Municipal Court; to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$74,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Franklin County Municipal Court provide foreign language interpreter services for non-English speaking/deaf persons that may come before the Court; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into contract with Ohio Translation Services to provide translation services so that the Court may continue to provide language interpreter services without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Court, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to renew this contract and authorize the expenditure with Ohio Translation Services for provision of foreign language interpreter services, 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to renew a contract with Ohio Translation Services for foreign language interpreter services to the Franklin County Municipal Court for the period ending March 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$74,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

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.