Ordinance number 3164-2018, approved by City Council on December 3, 2018, authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU), in the amount of $50,000.00 for a period through November 30, 2019, in order to effectively provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), an evidenced-based practice that combines pharmacological interventions with substance abuse counseling and social support, to Columbus Public Health (CPH) Addiction Services (ADS) Program through specialized Advanced Practice Nurse and Physician services.

This ordinance is needed to modify by extending contract PO156610 for a time period ending December 31, 2020 with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU). This modification is needed to continue MAT for the Addiction Services Program.

Over the last several years it has become evident that opioid use disorder clients treated in the CPH ADS program have had difficulty in accessing affordable and reliable medication-assisted treatment. Additionally, many of the clients cite transportation as a concern to accessing MAT services. These clients have expressed interest in receiving MAT services at the CPH ADS Program as a compliment to the existing services they are receiving.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide MAT services for patients at Columbus Public Health Addiction Services Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Additional funds for this contract are not needed at this time.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to modify by extending an existing contract with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU) to continue to provide MAT Services through December 31, 2020; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify by extending, contract PO156610 with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU) through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely services can proceed without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to modify, by extending, the contract with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU), PO156610, for the immediate preservation of 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized to modify, by extending, contract PO156610 with Ohio State University Hospitals (OSU) through December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That for 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.