



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the City Auditor establish an auditor certificate in the amount of \$70,000.00 for various expenditures related to property acquisitions and asset management services. These are unanticipated expenditures that may include, but are not limited to, purchasing properties from the City of Columbus Land Bank, purchasing properties through other means as opportunities become available, surveys, administrative fees, and other transactions needed to move forward on opportunities to expand parkland and manage such assets. Contracts will be entered into in compliance with the procurement provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that time sensitive opportunities to expand parkland and assets are not delayed. It is important to have this funding available in order to act quickly on these opportunities when they arise.

**Benefits to the Public:** Having this funding in place for acquisition opportunities will benefit the community by helping to ensure that new parkland and assets are able to be pursued in a timely manner, helping to meet the demand to provide new parkland for the growing population of Central Ohio.

**Community Input Issues:** Citizens of Columbus have expressed the desire for new parks and facilities through direct contact with the department, especially in areas that are underserved.

**Area(s) Affected:** The entire City of Columbus is affected by having the funding in place to act efficiently on acquisition opportunities as they become available.

**Master Plan Relation:** This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by helping to ensure that the department is able to efficiently pursue new parks and facilities, especially in growth areas and underserved areas.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$70,000.00 is budgeted and available from and within the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund to meet the financial obligations of these various expenditures. Funds are contingent upon the deposit of proceeds from the 2019 Bond Sale.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor establish an auditor certificate in the amount of \$70,000.00 for various expenditures related to property acquisitions and asset management services; and to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary that the City Auditor establish an auditor certificate in the amount of \$70,000.00 for various expenditures related to property acquisitions and asset management within the Recreation and Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS,** funding is available for the property acquisitions and asset management services from and within the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond fund; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund for various expenditures related to property acquisitions and asset management to ensure that time sensitive opportunities to

expand parkland and assets are not delayed., 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 City Auditor is authorized to set up a certificate in the amount of \$70,000.00 for various expenditures related to property acquisitions and asset management within the Recreation and Parks Department.

**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 the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

**SECTION 5.** That the expenditure of \$70,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That this Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific contractors, principal parties, or vendors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates sole and final contracting decisions and acquisitions to the Director of Recreation and Parks. That any such contracts will be entered into in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329.

**SECTION 7.** 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.