



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Section 9.482 of the Ohio Revised Code permits Contracting for services between political subdivisions. On November 19, 2019 the City of Westerville enacted civil rights protections similar to the City of Columbus. They also elected to enter into a contract with the Department of Neighborhoods to provide discrimination complaint investigation services from the Community Relations Commission to their residents. Under this agreement, the City of Westerville maintains responsibility for determining when a case has violated their code and any penalties. Westerville shall pay a set amount per case referred for investigation services. Emergency action is requested in order to ensure services may begin January 1, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Under this revenue contract, the Department of Neighborhoods will provide discrimination complaint services to the City of Westerville. The City of Westerville will submit payment upon receipt of invoice. Funds received will be deposited into the General Fund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a revenue contract with the City of Westerville for the provision of discrimination complaint investigation services in the amount not to exceed \$21,500.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$21,500.00)

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.482 of the Ohio Revised Code permits Contracting for services between political subdivisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westerville recently enacted civil rights protections similar to those in Columbus City Code and seeks to contract with the Department of Neighborhoods for investigative services provided by the Community Relations Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westerville has approved a contract with the City of Columbus for the provision of discrimination complaint investigation services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a revenue contract with the City of Westerville 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 Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into a revenue contract for the provision of discrimination complaint investigation services for the City of Westerville in the amount not to exceed \$21,500 through the period ending December 31, 2020.

**SECTION 2.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.