



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to enter into a contract to allow for the Surveillance Lab to provide the testing and lab analysis of samples for The Ohio State University (OSU) while Heidelberg University's Lab is closed. This work will consist of two separate research projects. The first project is a study looking at how land use affects water quality, and includes sampling in the Dayton metro area as well as in Battelle-Darby Metro Park. The second project is related to sampling of water quality through laboratory soil columns that approximate conditions that we'd expect in the bio-retention filters that have been built in Clintonville.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Division of Sewerage and Drainage will charge \$125.00 per sample processed. The fees provided by The Ohio State University will offset the cost of providing the service. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency because, without emergency action, no less than thirty-seven days will be added to this contract and the efficient delivery of valuable public services to OSU for the testing of the necessary samples would be delayed.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a contract to allow for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage Surveillance Lab to provide lab analysis of samples and analytical services to The Ohio State University; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio State University has two separate research projects that need to have testing and lab analysis services performed on samples. The first project will study how land use affects water quality and the second project relates to sampling of water quality through laboratory soil columns that approximate conditions that we'd expect in the bio-retention filters that have been built in Clintonville; and

**WHEREAS,** Heidelberg University's lab usually performs this service but it is currently closed; and

**WHEREAS,** because of this closure The Ohio State University has expressed an interest in having the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Surveillance Lab perform this service until such time as Heidelberg University's lab reopens and can begin performing this service again; and

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Surveillance Lab has the space, equipment and staff to do the projects and provide the testing and lab analysis of samples and analytical services to The Ohio State University; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into contract to allow the Surveillance Lab to provide lab analysis of samples and analytical services to The Ohio State University, for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a contract to allow for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage Surveillance Lab to provide testing and lab analysis of samples and analytical services to The Ohio State University.

**SECTION 2.** 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.