



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The case of *Icon Entertainment, et al. v. Rosser, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00101, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, was filed on January 7, 2020, and names two individual Columbus Police Officers and the City of Columbus. Due to a potential conflict of interest, it was necessary for the City Attorney's office to retain outside counsel to represent the individual officers. The City Attorney's office entered into a special legal counsel contract with Crabbe, Brown & James LLP on February 27, 2020. It is now necessary to modify that contract in order to continue to provide the statutorily required representation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This contract modification will be funded by the Department of Public Safety. The amount of this contract modification is \$110,000.00.

**COMPANY:** Crabbe, Brown & James LLP, Vendor No.: 004294, FID: 31-0787394  
500 S Front St, Ste 1200, Columbus, OH 43215

To authorize the City Attorney to modify an existing contract for special legal counsel with Crabbe, Brown & James LLP, for the case of *Icon Entertainment, et al. v. Rosser, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00101, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio; to authorize the transfer of \$110,000.00 within the General Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$110,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$110,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, due to a conflict of interest, the City Attorney has a need for special legal services with regard to the case of *Icon Entertainment, et al. v. Rosser, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00101, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney and Crabbe, Brown & James LLP entered into a special counsel contract on February 27, 2020 to provide special legal services on behalf of the City Attorney and the Department of Public Safety with regard to matters pertaining to the litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, this modification will provide for continuation of those services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Safety has determined that additional funds are needed for this modification; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Attorney's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Attorney to modify the contract with Crabbe, Brown & James LLP, in order to facilitate payment of unpaid legal bills and provide for uninterrupted services in their representation; **now, therefore:**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to modify the contract entered into on February 27, 2020 with Crabbe, Brown & James LLP for special legal counsel to provide special legal services to the City Attorney and the

Department of Public Safety with regard to the case of *Icon Entertainment, et al. v. Rosser, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00101, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

**SECTION 2.** That the transfer of \$110,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 1000 General Fund, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of up to \$110,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in Section 1, is hereby authorized in the General Fund 1000, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 immediately after its passage and signature by the Mayor, or within 10 days thereafter if the Mayor neither signs nor vetoes the same.