



## Legislation Text

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The following ordinance is similar to ordinances submitted annually by this office. It gives the Auditor the ability to transfer and increase, if necessary, appropriations within each fund to ensure that final costs occurring prior to passage of the 2021 budgets can be met.

The ordinance also authorizes the payment of payrolls and other obligations occurring prior to the passage of the 2021 appropriation ordinances.

### Fiscal Impact

Some increases in appropriations may occur, but only to the extent as described herein.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to ensure continued daily operations of the City.

To authorize the City Auditor to transfer and increase, if necessary, appropriations within any of the various funds of the City to provide for payrolls, internal services, tax adjustments, and other obligations in December 2020 necessary to close the books for the year; to authorize the payment of payrolls and other obligations in 2021 occurring prior to the passage of the 2021 appropriation ordinances; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the last pay day in 2020 is December 31st and the last pay-period ends on 12/26/2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary to make various budget transfers and or encumbrance cancellations within appropriated funds and to increase appropriations, if necessary, to meet said payroll, bills for internal services, tax adjustments, and other obligations for 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pay periods may end in 2021 before the 2021 annual appropriation ordinances will be approved by Council; so this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer and increase, if necessary, appropriations within any of the various funds of the City to provide for payrolls, internal services, tax adjustments, and other obligations occurring prior to the passage of the 2021 appropriation ordinances 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 hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within any fund, if necessary, and to cancel encumbrances, if necessary, to provide for City payrolls, unpaid internal services, tax adjustments, and other obligations from any object class with available appropriations to the appropriate object class.

**Section 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay all properly presented payrolls, related items, tax adjustments, and other obligations occurring prior to passage of the annual appropriation ordinances for fiscal year 2021.

**Section 3.** That sufficient appropriations and expenditures necessary to pay such costs referred to in Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized.

**Section 4.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is incorporated herein, 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.