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**Background:** The Department of Public Utilities as an “in kind” contribution in support of the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (Ohio EPA’s) Air Quality Monitoring Program, wishes to provide space at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant (JPWWTP) on a portion of the site identified as Franklin County Parcel No. 425-289816, 2020 Jackson Pike, for placement of and access to an air quality monitoring station to monitor air quality including particulate matter (PM2.5) and metals. This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management, on behalf of the Department of Public Utilities to execute a license agreement with the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a period consisting of five (5) consecutive one (1) year terms with an option for one renewal period of five (5) consecutive one (1) year terms to locate and access an air quality monitoring station at JPWWTP, and to declare an emergency.

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested to allow Ohio EPA to install an air quality monitoring station and begin monitoring air quality at the earliest possible date.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Department of Public Utilities is providing the site space at JPWWTP and 120 volt electrical service to the air quality monitoring station as “in kind” support at no cost to Ohio EPA.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a license agreement with the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for placement of an air quality monitoring station at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant, on a portion of the site identified as Franklin County Parcel No. 425-289816, 2020 Jackson Pike, Columbus, Ohio, and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio EPA’s provides air quality monitoring to protect the health of the State’s residents; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to enter into a license agreement in order to set the terms and conditions for Ohio EPA’s installation of an air quality monitoring station and its occupancy of site space identified as Franklin County Parcel No. 425-289816, 2020 Jackson Pike; and

**WHEREAS,** the Departments of Public Utilities and Finance and Management have determined that providing space to Ohio EPA for placement of and access to an air quality monitoring station to monitor air quality including particulate matter (PM2.5) and metals serves a public purpose and therefore the license should be granted ant no cost to Ohio EPA; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the daily operation of the City in that it is necessary to immediately grant authority to the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into and execute a license agreement with the Ohio EPA to provide site space for placement of and access to an air quality monitoring station for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, 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 Finance and Management, be and hereby is authorized to enter into a license agreement, as approved by the Real Estate Division, Department of Law, with the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to set the terms and conditions associated with the installation of an air quality monitoring station and

the occupancy of site space at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant (JPWWTP) on a portion of the site identified as Franklin County Parcel No. 425-289816, 2020 Jackson Pike.

**SECTION 2.** That for the reason 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.