



## Legislation Text

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**1. BACKGROUND:** The Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to apply for and execute up to fifty-eight (58) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan agreements in 2021, totaling approximately \$860 million, for the construction of fifty-eight Sanitary, Stormwater, and Treatment Engineering Capital Improvement Projects as identified in Section 1., under the direction of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD). This loan program is jointly administered by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The WPCLF Loan Fund program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal Wastewater and Stormwater system improvements.

**2. FISCAL IMPACT:** There is sufficient budget authority in the 2021 Sewer Systems and Stormwater Operating Funds for the loan application fee expenditures. These loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from Sewerage System and Stormwater rates (dedicated source of repayment). Sewerage System and Stormwater rate increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to fifty-eight (58) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to fifty-eight Division of Sewerage and Drainage construction projects; and to designate a dedicated source of repayment for the loans.

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Utilities is scheduled to prepare loan applications for up to \$860 million in financing, for submittal to the Ohio EPA under the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program to finance, through below-market interest rate loans, the construction of up to fifty-eight capital improvements projects under the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, which said financial assistance may be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's Sewerage and Stormwater customers; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to WPLCF loan agreement approval by the Ohio Water Development Authority, the WPCLF loan application and loan agreement documents require the City to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of approved City Council legislation authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Department to apply for and subsequently execute said WPCLF agreements, and to authorize a dedicated source of loan repayment for the loans; and

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to apply for, accept and enter into WPCLF loan agreements with Ohio Water Development Authority and submit a copy of this legislation to the Ohio EPA prior to the OWDA board's consideration for approval as part of the loan agreements' approval process; **now, therefore**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and enter into up to fifty-eight (58) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to fifty-eight Division of Sewerage and Drainage projects as described with the "not to exceed" project costs listed below:

610050-100000	Fountain Square Stormwater System Improvements	\$5,500,000.00
610739-100000	Petzinger Rd Stormwater Improvements	\$2,000,000.00
610782-100000	Linworth Rd./Meeklynn Dr. Storm Sewer	\$2,000,000.00
610785-100000	Linden Neighborhood Stormwater System Improvements (Phase 2)	\$2,500,000.00
610804-100001	Old Beechwold Area Stormwater System Improvements	\$5,500,000.00
611010-100000	Holt Ave/Somersworth Stormwater System Improvements	\$2,500,000.00
611021-100000	Fairwood Facilities Stormwater Improvements	\$4,000,000.00
611038-100000	Greenlawn Low Head Dam Improvements	\$2,000,000.00
611038-100001	Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation	\$8,500,000.00
611702-100000	Cooke Rd Culvert Improvements Project	\$1,500,000.00
650009-100001	Alum Creek Storm Tank Project - Real Time Controls (CSO)	\$3,000,000.00
650033-100002	Big Walnut Trunk Extension - Phase 2	\$106,500,000.00
650033-100003	Central College Subtrunk Phase 3	\$38,500,000.00
650034-100008	Blacklick Air Quality Control Facility	\$5,500,000.00
650250-100007	JPWWTP Cogeneration Project	\$34,000,000.00
650260-102015	JPWWTP Raw Sewage Pump Valve Actuator Replacement	\$2,000,000.00
650260-103002	SWWTP Building Heating Imps & UST Removal	\$5,500,000.00
650260-103004	SWWTP Boiler System Improvements	\$2,000,000.00
650260-103012	SWWTP ERC/FRC MCC Replacement	\$2,000,000.00
650352-100006	SWWTP Main Drain Pump Station	\$3,500,000.00
650353-100003	SWWTP Digester Process Expansion	\$26,500,000.00
650354-100000	SWWTP Post Aeration Diffuser Replacement	\$10,500,000.00
650375-100002	Compost Facility Improvements Project	\$5,500,000.00
650404-100048	2021 Annual Lining Contract	\$6,000,000.00
650491-100007	Intermodal Sanitary Subtrunk Extension	\$42,000,000.00
650491-100008	Rickenbacker Extension	\$6,500,000.00
650560-100002	East Franklinton Phase 3	\$10,500,000.00

650700-100000	Portage Grove Sanitary Sewer	\$3,000,000.00
650724-100000	Lower Olentangy Tunnel	\$304,000,000.00
650725-100004	Alum Creek Trunk Sewer (South) Rehabilitation (Phase 1)	\$17,500,000.00
650725-100009	Center Large Diameter Rehabilitation Project	\$12,000,000.00
650725-100010	West Side Trunk Rehabilitation	\$6,000,000.00
650725-100011	Blacklick Creek Main Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (Phase 1)	\$7,500,000.00
650725-100012	Large Diameter - Scioto Main Trunk Sewer	\$8,500,000.00
650725-100017	Near North & Ease - Iuka Park Phase 2	\$3,000,000.00
650744-100000	Brimfield Area Sanitary System Improvements Project	\$2,000,000.00
650763-100000	Mohler Street Overflow Interceptor Sewer	\$20,000,000.00
650768-100003	3rd Avenue Relief - Phase 3	\$4,500,000.00
650790-100000	Inflow Redirection - Noble & 4th Street	\$1,000,000.00
650790-113180	Inflow Redirection - Kerr/Russell	\$4,000,000.00
650860-116300	Second Barrel Interconnector Augmentation	\$9,000,000.00
650860-222190 & 650860-322190	Upsize Sewer Project ID 2 & 3 Near South	\$2,500,000.00
650870-100701	Blueprint Linden GI - Hudson/McGuffey	\$8,500,000.00
650870-100705	Blueprint Linden GI - Linview Park	\$5,500,000.00
650870-100801	Blueprint Hilltop GI - Palmetto/Westgate	\$2,500,000.00
650870-100802	Blueprint Hilltop GI - Eureka/Fremont	\$11,000,000.00
650870-101201	Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Newton/Bedford	\$2,000,000.00
650870-101202	Blueprint Miller-Kelton GI - Kent/Fairwood	\$6,000,000.00
650870-153001	Blueprint Hilltop Perm Pavers - Palmetto/Westgate	\$12,000,000.00
650870-153002	Blueprint Hilltop Perm Pavers - Eureka/Fremont	\$7,500,000.00

650870-162001	Blueprint Miller-Kelton Perm Pavers - Newton/Bedford	\$11,500,000.00
650870-162002	Blueprint Miller-Kelton Perm Pavers - Kent/Fairwood	\$9,000,000.00
650875-122190	Blueprint Near South - Mainline Lining	\$10,500,000.00
650890-100000	Meeklynn Dr. Area Sanitary Sewer	\$4,000,000.00
650895-100001	Williams/Behm HSTS Elimination Project	\$5,000,000.00
650895-100002	Dyer/Lazar HSTS Elimination Project	\$2,500,000.00
650895-100003	Brooklyn/Cleveland HSTS Elimination Project	\$2,000,000.00
650895-100005	Barnett/East Deshler HSTS Elimination Project	\$9,000,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That Sewerage System Service Charges are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Sanitary and Treatment Engineering projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

**SECTION 3.** That Stormwater Fees are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Stormwater projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.