



## Legislation Text

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### 1. BACKGROUND

The City of Columbus Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, frequently must acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right-of-way for capital improvement projects including resurfacing and associated ADA curb ramp improvements throughout the City. To expedite the right of way acquisition process, the following legislation establishes a contingency fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners and acquire such parcels as they are identified.

### 2. FISCAL IMPACT

This is a budgeted expense in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Department of Public Service's 2020 Capital Improvement Budget, Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund, Project 530161-100072 (Roadway Improvements - Miscellaneous Right of Way Acquisition). This ordinance is contingent upon receipt of the bond sale funds.

### 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to prevent delays in the construction of the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program.

To authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners, and acquire right-of-way in support of the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund for this purpose; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Service, frequently must acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right-of-way for various capital improvement projects within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a contingency fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 is needed to be used by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners, and acquire such parcels as they are identified in order to expedite the right-of-way acquisition process; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is contingent upon receipt of the bond sale funds; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to establish the contingency fund to prevent delays in the construction of the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, 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 Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be and is hereby authorized to hire professional services, negotiate with property owners, and expend those funds necessary to acquire minor parcels of permanent and temporary right-of-way for various projects throughout the City as such parcels are identified.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5911 (Infrastructure Management), Project P530161-100072

(Roadway Improvements - Miscellaneous Right of Way Acquisition), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance is contingent upon receipt of the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget bond sale funds.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**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 the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

**SECTION 7.** 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.