



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and the surrounding department-owned land for the period of February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. This allocation will support the continued management, operation, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming of the Conservatory and the maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

**Principal Parties:**

Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District  
1777 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43203  
Federal Identification Number: 31-1364884 (Non-Profit Organization)

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested so that payment can be made in early 2021, in accordance with the cash flow needs of the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District.

**Benefits to the Public:** Supporting the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District will benefit the community by enhancing the visitor experience and creating a more attractive destination for Central Ohio residents. Franklin Park, The Conservatory, and Botanical Gardens are an asset to the entire Central Ohio community and beyond.

**Community Input Issues:** The community has expressed a desire for cultural enrichment and well-kept parks through workshops, surveys, and direct contact with staff.

**Area(s) Affected:** Citywide (99) - The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from the amenities and programming offered, adding to the quality of life for citizens.

**Master Plan Relation:** This agreement supports the department's Master Plan by enhancing the quality of life of our citizens through cultural and arts experiences. It will also help to ensure that facilities remain safe and user friendly.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$350,000.00 is budgeted and available from within the 2021 Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. No other funds will be used.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2021; to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$350,000.00).

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund;

and

**WHEREAS**, continued support of the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District is necessary for management, operations, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming in 2021, in accordance with Ordinance 2707-89 and Ordinance 1960-94; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District will maintain the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District so that payment can be made in early 2021, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site in 2021, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

**SECTION 2.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** That the expenditure of \$350,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.