



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to execute a new License Agreement by and between the City and the Franklin County Board of Elections, for temporary use of classroom and common areas for provision of election poll worker training and an area for storage of election equipment at the City facility located at 750 Piedmont Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The Board of Elections has used the space since 2019 and continues to have a need of temporary classroom space to conduct election poll worker training for the 2021 Primary Election and General Election. The City's Piedmont Building is available and well suited to meet the Board of Election's needs. The License Agreement will be for set times and dates through November 30, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: No funds are required. The City will receive compensation to offset the City's cost for provision of utilities and janitorial services provided during the term of the License Agreement.

Emergency Action: This legislation is presented as emergency in order to allow the Franklin County Board of Elections to immediately begin election poll worker training classes for the 2021 Primary Election as soon as possible.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to execute a License Agreement by and between the City and the Franklin County Board of Elections for temporary use of classroom and storage space located at 750 Piedmont Avenue; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Elections has a continued need of temporary classroom space in order to provide training for poll workers and for storage of election equipment for the 2021 Primary and General Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City has space available at its 750 Piedmont Avenue building to meet the needs of the Franklin County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and Management has determined that providing space to meet the needs of the Franklin County Board of Elections serves a public purpose and that a License Agreement should be granted, and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a License Agreement in order to set the terms and conditions for the Franklin County Board of Elections' continued use of space within 750 Piedmont Avenue; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a License Agreement with the Franklin County Board of Elections for use of classroom, common area, and storage space at 750 Piedmont Avenue at the earliest possible date to immediately begin to provide election poll worker training for the 2021 Primary Election and the General Election, 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 Director of Finance and Management be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a License Agreement, as prepared and approved by the Department of Law, Division of Real Estate, by and between the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Board of Elections to set the terms and conditions for temporary use of classroom, common area, and storage space available at 750 Piedmont Avenue to conduct poll worker training and store election equipment.

SECTION 2. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.