



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

In 2018, the City of Columbus instituted mandatory direct deposit for its employees. At the same time, in order to offer an alternative to employees who were unwilling or unable to provide banking information, the Columbus City Treasurer's Office entered into contract for two years with US Bank for payroll cards at no cost to the City.

In 2020, the City Treasurer's Office entered into a second contract with US Bank for payroll cards for its employees, again, at no cost to the City.

With passage of ordinance number 1821-2021 on July 12, 2021, Columbus City Council authorized the City Treasurer's Office to modify its contract with US Bank to provide gift cards for Columbus Public Health for it to offer gift cards as an incentive for those that receive a vaccine at a CPH COVID-19 vaccination site.

Due to the strength of community adoption, Columbus Public Health is extending its incentive program for six additional weeks with additional resources provided by American Rescue Plan funding. Due to the immediate nature of the need to extend the program, Columbus Public Health requested and Mayor Andrew J. Ginther provided authorization in an Emergency Letter dated August 10, 2021. The City Treasurer's Office now wishes to modify its contract with US Bank to provide additional gift cards for Columbus Public Health under the Mayor's Emergency Letter.

Emergency action is requested due to the signed Mayor's Emergency Letter to continue the Columbus Public Health COVID-19 vaccine incentive program.

Contract Compliance: US Bank National Association 310841368 expiration January 30, 2022.

To authorize the City Treasurer to modify its contract with US Bank, NA for gift cards for Columbus Public Health; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$750,000.00 from fund 2209; and to declare an emergency. (\$750,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health, pursuant to a Mayor's Emergency Letter - Vaccine Incentive Program date August 10, 2021, has extended its program to continue the COVID-19 vaccine incentive with funding from the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer's Office has a contract with US Bank for payroll cards; and

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer now wishes to modify its contract with US Bank and authorize the related expenditures to provide gift cards for Columbus Public Health; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Treasurer to modify its contract with US Bank and to authorize the expenditure as cited below, so that Columbus

Public Health may prevent, prepare for, and respond to a public health emergency in central Ohio and for the immediate preservation of 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 Treasurer is hereby authorized to modify its contract with US Bank for the period September 10, 2020 through September 9, 2022.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of up to \$750,000.00 or so much thereof that may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in Sections 1, be and is hereby authorized and approved as per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 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.