



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$180,000.00 from the Department of Finance's City-wide account to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of entering into a contract with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to provide funding for supplemental safety services and homeless outreach. This contract will enhance the holistic and collaborative approach to address crime within the core of downtown. Specifically, over the next two years, this contract will fund additional special duty officers, homeless outreach staff, and training for private security staff.

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested so that the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. organizations can immediately take steps to make safety enhancements within the core of downtown.

**Fiscal Impact:** This ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$180,000 from the Department of Finance and Management's city-wide account to the Department of Public Safety to provide funding for supplemental safety services and homeless outreach by the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Ohio.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to provide funding for supplemental safety services and homeless outreach services within the Special Improvement District boundaries; to authorize a transfer of \$180,000.00 within the general fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$180,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$180,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. is a non-profit organization created to provide services that support a safe, clean, vibrant, and welcoming downtown; and

**WHEREAS,** the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. has historically engaged in holistic and collaborative approaches to address crime and homelessness in the core of the downtown; and

**WHEREAS,** the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc needs additional special duty officers, homeless outreach staff, and training for private security staff; and

**WHEREAS,** funds will be transferred within the general fund to properly align appropriation with projected expenditure and fund these needs within the community; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus Inc. in order to provide supplemental safety services, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare of Columbus residents and visitors; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. in an amount up to \$180,000.00 to provide funding for services within the Special Improvement District boundaries.

**SECTION 2.** That the amount of \$180,000.00 or so much as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be transferred within the General Fund, fund 1000-100010 from Finance and Management to the Department of Public Safety per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$180,000.00.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in object class 03 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**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 and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

**SECTION 5.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, the City Auditor shall establish such account codes as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** 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.