



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in an amount up to \$125,000.00 in support of architectural design services that will be used to aid in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program in the City of Columbus.

As Columbus continues to grow, there are real concerns that housing affordability and supply issues will continue to worsen. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) provide an opportunity to increase the housing supply, provide financial stability for owners, and can be leveraged to increase affordable housing. ADUs have the opportunity to positively impact a number of Columbus residents, including aging residents looking to downsize but stay in their neighborhood; retirees on fixed incomes needing extra income to cover their mortgage; homeowners looking for real estate investments; young professionals without families; and people with disabilities that can have their own living space but still be close to family support. The overall economic impact of ADUs is that they will increase the supply of studio and one-bedroom options in Columbus.

A waiver of competitive bidding is requested due to the immediate need in beginning design work on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot in order to create housing opportunities for residents of Columbus.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design can immediately begin providing design services in aid of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funds are available within the Development Taxable Bonds Fund and the general fund to support this contract. An amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget is required to establish sufficient budget authority within the proper project.

To amend the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds within the Development Taxable Bond Fund; To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in support of architectural design services that will be used to aid in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program for Columbus residents; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; to authorize an expenditure from the Development Taxable Bond fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency (\$125,000.00).

**WHEREAS**, as the city of Columbus continues to grow, there are real concerns that housing affordability and supply issues will continue to worsen; and,

**WHEREAS**, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) provide an opportunity to increase the housing supply, provide financial stability for owners, and can be leveraged to increase affordable housing; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in an amount up to \$125,000.00 in support of architectural design services that will be used to aid in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding requirement to ensure that Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design can immediately begin providing design services in aid of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design so it can immediately begin architectural design services that will be used to aid in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the 2022 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1896-2022 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this this project:

**Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended**

7739 / P782001-100000 / Housing Preservation / \$267,108/ (\$100,000.00) / \$167,108

7739 / P200025-100000 / Accessory Dwelling Units / \$0 / \$100,000.00/ \$100,000.00

**SECTION 2:** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in support of architectural design services that will be used to aid in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program.

**SECTION 3:** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Department of Development within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Services-03 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That per the action authorized by Section 2 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That the transfer of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7739 (Development Taxable Bonds) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized in fund 7739 (Development Taxable Bonds), Project 200025-100000, in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 7:** That this Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes to enter into this contract and such are hereby waived.

**SECTION 8.** 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 9.** 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 10.** 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 11.** 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 approval by the

Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.