



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a lease agreement with the Columbus Zoological Park Association to occupy and use the space as a research laboratory and offices for their Mussel Research. The property is located at 6006 Harriot Road, Powell, OH 43065 on the Jeffrey Club property. The lease will be for 2023 through 2033. This will replace an existing lease that has since expired. The agreement contains language that it can be terminated with 90 days' written notice and is for one dollar annually. This lease will allow the Columbus Zoo to continue their scientific and environmental research.

Principal Parties:

The Columbus Zoological Park Association
4850 Powell Road
Powell, OH 43065
Doug Warmoltsa, (614) 724-3524

Emergency Justification: Emergency Action is requested as the past agreement has expired and in order to ensure that the group is operating under a lease for legal and liability purposes.

Benefits to the Public: No direct benefit to the public but the scientific and environmental research they provide is an indirect benefit to many.

Community Input/Issues: Renewing a long term, existing lease with no documented or reported community issues.

Area(s) Affected: O'Shaughnessy Reservoir

Master Plan Relation: This meets Strategies for Natural Areas (Conservation/Natural Areas, Neighborhood Open Space, and Parkland Reserve). Their research is directly related to conservation.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal action is required at this time.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks enter into a lease agreement with the Columbus Zoological Park Association to occupy and use the space as a research laboratory and offices for their Mussel Research; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks enter into a lease agreement with the Columbus Zoological Park Association to occupy and use the space as a research laboratory and offices for their Mussel Research; 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 enter into this agreement because their current lease has expired requiring that the lease be executed immediately, allowing the group to operate under a lease for legal and liability purposes; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is authorized to enter into a ten-year lease agreement with the Columbus Zoological Park Association to occupy and use the space as a research laboratory and offices for their Mussel Research on the City's property located at 6006 Harriett Road, Powell, Ohio 43065.

SECTION 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is 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.