



Legislation Text

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This ordinance amends previously adopted ordinance 1289-2023.

The City of Columbus has created a diaper changing grant program to increase equal access to diaper changing stations throughout Columbus in small businesses and organizations for all parents and guardians in the city. With the help of the Dadass Podcast and CBUS Dads Blog, Council is raising awareness for the need for changing stations in men's rooms and gender-neutral bathrooms at "family friendly" locations throughout Columbus, OH while advocating for the benefits for businesses, families and all.

Foundations World Wide, Inc. is the leading supplier of children's furnishings to professional childcare centers, the worldwide leader in supplying cribs and children's hospitality products to hotels, and a leading manufacturer of wall mounted baby changing stations for public facilities.

Emergency action is necessary to allow time to acquire changing stations in advance of a distribution event in June.

To amend ordinance 1289-2023 to allow for the distribution of supplies; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, ordinance 1289-2023 was passed by Columbus City Council on May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to enact changes to previously adopted ordinance 1289-2023; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Building and Zoning in that it is immediately necessary to amend ordinance 1289-2023 in order to acquire the necessary supplies for a distribution event planned for June; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That Section 1 of ordinance 1289-2023 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Building and Zoning Services ~~City Clerk~~ is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Foundations World Wide, Inc. for baby changing stations.

SECTION 2. That Section 2 of ordinance 1289-2023 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Building and Zoning Services ~~Columbus City Council~~ per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

See attachment: 1289-2023 AMENDED

SECTION 2. That Section 7 of ordinance 1289-2023 is hereby amended as follows:

~~**SECTION 7.** That for the reason 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.~~

That the provision of changing stations to businesses open to the public to afford men access to facilities that allow them to provide necessary care to young children constitutes a proper public purpose and the Department of Building and Zoning Services is hereby authorized to distribute, at no charge, to private businesses any supplies acquired per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance to effectuate that public purpose.

SECTION 3. That for the reason 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.