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This legislation authorizes the City Clerk to report to the Auditors of Franklin County, Ohio, all charges which are due to the City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, and are certified for payment to said County Auditor in conformance with Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code for weed and solid waste removal. In the assessment period covered by this legislation (November 1st, 2024 through April 30th, 2025), owners of 106 properties within Columbus were notified to abate weed and solid waste nuisances. Those properties where violations were not abated were turned over to the Environmental Nuisance Weed and Solid Waste Program for compliance. Abatement was completed using the services of private and/or City contractors. This legislation provides for assessment of the costs associated with the weed and solid waste abatement process.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation provides a mechanism for recovery of costs associated with the weed and solid waste abatement program.

EMERGENCY: Emergency action is required to best preserve the ability to assess these costs to the tax duplicate prior to property transfer due to sheriff's sale.

To authorize assessments for weed and solid waste removal on properties in violation of weed and solid waste regulations as set forth in the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. ($0.00)

WHEREAS, the owners of certain vacant lots and structures in the City of Columbus have allowed the growth of noxious weeds, grasses and/or the accumulation of solid waste on their properties; and

WHEREAS, said owners have been duly notified of the requirements of the law in such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said owners have failed to provide mowing services and solid waste removal as set forth in Section 701.07 through Section 701.19 of the Columbus City Code; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the Department of Building and Zoning Services, Code Enforcement Division in that assessments and liens need to be perfected prior to property transfer due to sheriff's sale, therefore, it is necessary to promptly assess these costs to the tax duplicate to prevent further loss of resources and protect the city's ability to recover the costs of abatements, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. That the assessment of the owners of certain lots and structures in the City of Columbus who have failed to provide the necessary mowing and solid waste removal services required by Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code, be and is hereby authorized in order to cover costs incurred by the City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, Code Enforcement Division, in carrying out the provisions of said sections per the attachment to this ordinance. (See Ord. 1443-2025 Attachment)

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall report to the Franklin County Auditor, all charges which are due to the City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, Code Enforcement Division, and are certified for payment to the County Auditor in conformance with Sections 701.07 through 701.19 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 3. That said funds, upon reimbursement from the Franklin County Auditor, shall be deposited in the General

Fund 1000, to repay the costs incurred for weed mowing and solid waste abatement services.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble thereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.

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