



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This ordinance makes appropriations and transfers for the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, in various divisions and departments for funds other than the general fund.

Emergency action is requested to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management. Additionally, this ordinance will be the subject of public hearings and is not likely to be passed by City Council until 2026. If an additional 30 days is added to the process, valuable services and programs may be affected.

To make appropriations and transfers for the 12 months ending December 31, 2026 for other funds for various divisions; to authorize the City Auditor to make transfers as may be necessary; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the matter herein provided for constitutes an emergency in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funds for the various city departments for the 12 months beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the matter herein provided for constitutes an emergency in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and authorize the transfer of these funds for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, Therefore:

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

**SECTION 1.** That from the monies in the fund known as the employee benefits fund, fund no. 5502, subfund 550201 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

*Division No. 4601 HR Administration*

Obj Class 01

Amount \$3,490,982

Obj Class 02

Amount \$135,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$3,269,085

Obj Class 05

Amount \$5,000

TOTAL \$6,900,067

Division No. 4603 HR Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$2,134,551

Obj Class 02

Amount \$43,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$766,000

TOTAL \$2,943,551

Division No. 4411 Real Estate and Land Redevelopment

Obj Class 03

Amount \$680,000

TOTAL \$680,000

TOTAL Fund No. 5502 \$10,523,618

**SECTION 2.** That from the monies in the fund known as the information services fund, fund no. 5100, subfund 510001 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 4701 Technology Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$3,520,678

Obj Class 02

Amount \$917,907

Obj Class 03

Amount \$9,789,780

Obj Class 06

Amount \$250,000

TOTAL \$14,478,365

Division No. 4702 Division of Information Services

Obj Class 01

Amount \$27,729,503

Obj Class 02

Amount \$511,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$17,813,957

Obj Class 04

Amount \$9,710,000

Obj Class 05

Amount \$1,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$100,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$2,080,437

TOTAL \$57,945,897

TOTAL Fund No. 5100 \$72,424,262

**SECTION 3.** That from the monies in the fund known as the print and mail services fund, fund no. 5517, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 4501 Finance and Management Print and Mailroom Services

Obj Class 01

Amount \$613,054

Obj Class 02

Amount \$163,816

Obj Class 03

Amount \$1,371,630

TOTAL Fund No. 5517 \$2,148,500

**SECTION 4.** That from the monies in the fund known as the land acquisition services fund, fund no. 5525, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

*Division No. 2404 Real Estate*

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,266,676

Obj Class 02

Amount \$28,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$134,440

Obj Class 05

Amount \$2,000

TOTAL Fund No. 5525 \$1,431,116

**SECTION 5.** That from the monies in the fund known as the fleet management fund, fund no. 5200, subfund 520001 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

*Division No. 4550 Finance and Management Administration*

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,219,536

TOTAL \$1,219,536

*Division No. 4505 Fleet Management*

Obj Class 01

Amount \$17,129,686

Obj Class 02

Amount \$18,638,149

Obj Class 03

Amount \$7,370,411

Obj Class 04

Amount \$2,600,000

Obj Class 05

Amount \$1,500

Obj Class 06

Amount \$25,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$619,237

TOTAL \$46,383,983

TOTAL Fund No. 5200 \$47,603,519

**SECTION 6.** That from the monies in the fund known as the health special revenue fund, fund no. 2250, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 5001 Health

Obj Class 01

Amount \$39,023,670

Obj Class 02

Amount \$959,452

Obj Class 03

Amount \$5,212,544

Obj Class 05

Amount \$19,500

TOTAL Fund No. 2250 \$45,215,166

**SECTION 7.** That from the monies in the fund known as the recreation and parks operation and extension fund, fund no. 2285, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 5101 Recreation and Parks

Obj Class 01

Amount \$55,345,174

Obj Class 02

Amount \$3,641,560

Obj Class 03

Amount \$16,207,204

Obj Class 05

Amount \$4,063,450

TOTAL Fund No. 2285 \$79,257,388

**SECTION 8.** That from the monies in the fund known as the development services fund, fund no. 2240, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 4301 Building and Zoning Services

Obj Class 01

Amount \$24,710,958

Obj Class 02

Amount \$135,500

Obj Class 03

Amount \$9,669,839

Obj Class 05

Amount \$267,500

Obj Class 06

Amount \$90,000

TOTAL \$34,873,797

Division No. 4302 Code Enforcement

Obj Class 01

Amount \$7,510,180

TOTAL \$7,510,180

TOTAL Fund No. 2240 \$42,383,977

**SECTION 9.** That from the monies in the fund known as the street construction, maintenance and repair fund, fund no. 2265, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 5901 Public Service Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$7,195,649

Obj Class 02

Amount \$61,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$2,032,493

Obj Class 05

Amount \$3,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$160,000

TOTAL \$9,452,142

Division No. 5902 Refuse

Obj Class 03

Amount \$5,500,000

TOTAL \$5,500,000

Division No. 5911 Infrastructure Management

Obj Class 01

Amount \$24,248,197

Obj Class 02

Amount \$1,452,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$19,975,150

Obj Class 05

Amount \$70,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$1,100,000

TOTAL \$46,845,347

Division No. 5912 Design & Construction

Obj Class 01

Amount \$5,617,461

Obj Class 02

Amount \$16,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$1,570,874

Obj Class 05

Amount \$3,500

Obj Class 06

Amount \$70,000

TOTAL \$7,277,835

Division No. 5913 Traffic Management

Obj Class 01

Amount \$14,734,452

Obj Class 02

Amount \$2,840,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$2,864,835

Obj Class 05

Amount \$63,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$3,650,000

TOTAL \$24,152,287

TOTAL Fund No. 2265 \$93,227,611

**SECTION 10.** That from the monies in the fund known as the sewerage system operating fund, fund no. 6100, subfund 000000, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 6005 Sewerage and Drainage

Obj Class 01

Amount \$59,247,163

Obj Class 02

Amount \$16,109,169

Obj Class 03

Amount \$78,166,484

Obj Class 04

Amount \$154,365,028

Obj Class 05

Amount \$168,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$4,110,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$45,290,691

Obj Class 10

Amount \$16,174,783

TOTAL \$373,631,318

Division No. 6001 Public Utilities Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$16,780,978

Obj Class 02

Amount \$389,421

Obj Class 03

Amount \$13,977,037

Obj Class 05

Amount \$32,625

Obj Class 06

Amount \$139,200

TOTAL \$31,319,261

TOTAL Fund No. 6100 \$404,950,579

**SECTION 11.** That from the monies in the fund known as the storm sewer maintenance fund, fund no. 6200, subfund 000000, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 6015 Storm Sewers

Obj Class 01

Amount \$3,439,423

Obj Class 02

Amount \$137,990

Obj Class 03

Amount \$30,200,809

Obj Class 04

Amount \$8,973,378

Obj Class 05

Amount \$10,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$110,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$3,293,172

TOTAL \$46,164,772

Division No. 6001 Public Utilities Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$4,457,947

Obj Class 02

Amount \$103,842

Obj Class 03

Amount \$3,726,397

Obj Class 05

Amount \$8,700

Obj Class 06

Amount \$37,120

TOTAL \$8,334,006

TOTAL Fund No. 6200 \$54,498,778

**SECTION 12.** That from the monies in the fund known as the electricity enterprise fund, fund no. 6300, subfund 000000, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 6007 Electricity

Obj Class 01

Amount \$14,656,587

Obj Class 02

Amount \$86,304,310

Obj Class 03

Amount \$19,305,582

Obj Class 04

Amount \$2,366,563

Obj Class 05

Amount \$21,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$9,102,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$2,576,453

TOTAL \$134,332,495

Division No. 6001 Public Utilities Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$3,244,172

Obj Class 02

Amount \$56,141

Obj Class 03

Amount \$2,320,151

Obj Class 05

Amount \$12,575

Obj Class 06

Amount \$19,520

TOTAL \$5,652,559

TOTAL Fund No. 6300 \$139,985,054

**SECTION 13.** That from the monies in the fund known as the water system revenue, fund no. 6000, subfund 000000, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 6009 Water System

Obj Class 01

Amount \$63,495,485

Obj Class 02

Amount \$44,052,084

Obj Class 03

Amount \$85,470,947

Obj Class 04

Amount \$85,611,402

Obj Class 05

Amount \$55,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$6,705,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$38,045,645

TOTAL \$323,435,563

Division No. 6001 Public Utilities Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$14,955,895

Obj Class 02

Amount \$747,336

Obj Class 03

Amount \$12,514,135

Obj Class 05

Amount \$29,100

Obj Class 06

Amount \$124,160

TOTAL \$28,370,626

TOTAL Fund No. 6000 \$351,806,189

**SECTION 14.** That from the monies in the fund known as the computer system procurement & maintenance fund, fund no. 2227, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 2501 Municipal Court Judges Subfund 222701 (Computerized Legal Research)

Obj Class 01

Amount \$108,266

Obj Class 02

Amount \$155,055

Obj Class 03

Amount \$278,198

TOTAL \$541,519

Division No. 2601 Municipal Court Clerk Subfund 222702 (Computer Systems)

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,221,203

Obj Class 02

Amount \$216,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$1,336,125

TOTAL \$2,773,328

TOTAL Fund No. 2227 \$3,314,847

**SECTION 15.** That from the monies in the fund known as the 1111 East Broad Street operations fund, fund 2294, subfund 229401, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 4507 Facilities Management

Obj Class 01

Amount: \$1,163,891

Obj Class 03

Amount \$397,000

TOTAL Fund No. 2294 \$1,560,891

**SECTION 16.** That from the monies in the fund known as the E 911 fund, fund no. 2270, subfund 227001 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated the following sum/s for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026 and that all funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this fund in 2026 are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund:

Division No. 3002 Support Services

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,800,000

TOTAL Fund No. 2270 \$1,800,000

**SECTION 17.** That from the monies in the fund known as the private construction inspection fund, fund 2241, subfund 224101 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2025, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2025:

Division No. 5912 Design and Construction

Obj Class 01

Amount \$5,853,745

Obj Class 02

Amount \$97,470

Obj Class 03

Amount \$1,443,024

Obj Class 05

Amount \$4,370

Obj Class 06

Amount \$301,680

TOTAL \$7,700,289

Division No. 5901 Public Service Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$121,752

Obj Class 02

Amount \$10,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$17,000

TOTAL \$148,752

TOTAL Fund No. 2241 \$7,849,041

**SECTION 18.** That from the monies in the fund known as the construction inspection fund, fund 5518, subfund 000000 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 5901 Public Service Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,410,889

Obj Class 02

Amount \$13,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$38,000

TOTAL \$1,461,889

Division No. 5912 Design & Construction

Obj Class 01

Amount \$9,551,883

Obj Class 02

Amount \$159,030

Obj Class 03

Amount \$2,134,099

Obj Class 05

Amount \$7,130

Obj Class 06

Amount \$334,320

TOTAL \$12,186,462

TOTAL Fund No. 5518 \$13,648,351

**SECTION 19.** That from the monies in the fund known as the mobility enterprise fund, fund no. 6500, subfund 000000, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, there be and hereby are appropriated for the object level ones for which the corporation has to provide the following sums for use during the 12 months ending December 31, 2026:

Division No. 5906 Parking Services

Obj Class 01

Amount \$6,754,202

Obj Class 02

Amount \$234,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$16,032,759

Obj Class 04

Amount \$1,915,000

Obj Class 05

Amount \$278,000

Obj Class 06

Amount \$130,000

Obj Class 07

Amount \$1,093,600

Obj Class 10

Amount \$2,461,294

TOTAL \$28,898,855

Division No. 5901 Public Service Administration

Obj Class 01

Amount \$1,972,622

Obj Class 02

Amount \$60,000

Obj Class 03

Amount \$490,000

TOTAL \$2,522,622

TOTAL Fund No. 6500 \$31,421,477

**SECTION 20.** That revenue from the City's share of State shared tax receipts from the Casino Tax revenues are hereby appropriated and expenditures authorized in the fund known as the Casino Fund, fund 2275, as provided for and in accordance with Ordinance No. 1960-2012, for the months ending December 31, 2026.

**SECTION 21.** That the existing appropriations in funds for capital projects at December 31, 2026 are hereby reappropriated to the same division, object class and purpose originally authorized by the Council and that the outstanding encumbrances in those subfunds at December 31, 2026, are hereby re-encumbered.

**SECTION 22.** That the monies in the foregoing Sections 1 through 21 shall be paid upon the order of the respective department for which the appropriations are made except that small claims in amounts not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) may be paid as authorized by Chapter 335 of the Columbus City Code, 1985, as amended; and except that payments or transfers between departments, divisions or funds of the City may be made by the City Auditor; that payments for premiums for official bonds, depository commissions, employees' hospitalization, life insurance, pensions, dental insurance, and prepaid legal services, shall be made on the order and approval of the Director of the Department of Finance and Management or City Auditor; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1, Divisions 46-01 and 46-03 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Human Resources; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1, Division 44-11 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Development; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Technology; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of Finance and Management; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 4 shall be paid upon the order of the City Attorney; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 5 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Finance and Management; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 6 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 7 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 8 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Building and Zoning Services; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 9 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Public Service; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Public Utilities; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 14, Division 25-01 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative Judge or for Division 26-01 shall be paid upon the order of the

Municipal Court Clerk; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 15 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Finance and Management; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 16 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department Public Safety; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Sections 17, 18, and 19 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Public Service; that the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 20 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Finance and Management; and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except upon voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 23.** Except in the matter of payrolls providing for the payment of salaries of officers and employees regularly employed by the City and extraordinary emergencies, no warrant shall be issued in liquidation of vouchers, unless the department contracting the expense shall have first obtained an order duly certified that there are sufficient funds appropriated to the credit of the proper fund from which the expenditure is to be made, which certificate must be obtained prior to the incurrence of the obligation, and the head of any department or division authorized to contract expenditures will be held personally responsible for any obligation incurred contrary to the provisions of this section. Such certificate shall not be issued for obligations pertaining to "Capital Outlay" in programs or activities funded by federal or state categorical grants without the prior approval of the Director of the Department of Finance and Management.

**SECTION 24.** That with the exception of the provisos (reasons) established in previous sections, as stated in the reason paragraphs following each subdepartment's appropriation, it is understood that this Council is not making specific appropriations for each item of every classification hereinbefore contained but only for the total for each department and subdepartment, as shown in the final column. The itemized classification shall, however, constitute limitations on the powers of the several department heads as granted in Section 22 and no such officer shall make any expenditure for any other purpose in any amount beyond that of the particular classification; provided, however, that transfers may be made from one object class to another, within any one department or division. Transfers of sums exceeding \$100,000.00 shall be authorized only by ordinance of Council. Transfers of sums of \$100,000.00 or less shall only be approved pursuant to a letter over the signatures of the head of the department, the Director of the Department of Finance and Management, the City Auditor, and the Chairperson of the Committee of Finance.

**SECTION 25.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to pay obligations of various departments pertaining to preceding years' obligations from current appropriations up to a maximum of \$25,000.00 per obligation.

**SECTION 26.** That in the last month of the fiscal year, the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within any fund, if necessary, and to cancel encumbrances, if necessary, to provide for City payrolls, unpaid internal services, tax adjustments, and other obligations from any object level one with available appropriations to the appropriate object level one.

**SECTION 27.** 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.