



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Auditor to transfer funds within the Water Operating Fund for additional personnel funds. Current funding available will be enough to cover through November 2025. Additional funds as a transfer are requested to support personnel costs through year-end.

Emergency Justification: This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow these financial transactions to be posted in the city's accounting system immediately to meet payroll costs for the December pay periods and to allow divisions to operate without interruption through the end of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1,547,197.47 is needed in the Water Operating Fund to meet the financial obligations of personnel costs due to overtime costs being \$947,000.00 over budget year-to-date through the October 30th pay period and hiring trends occurring faster than anticipated. \$1,547,197.47 will be transferred between object classes within the Water Operating Fund to support this need. There is sufficient budget authority in the 2025 Water Operating Fund's budget to fund the transfer.

To authorize the transfer of \$1,547,197.47 between object classes in the Water Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,547,197.47)

WHEREAS, the City Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,547,197.47 within the Water Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Water has a need to transfer \$1,547,197.47 between object classes within the 2025 water operating fund budget. Funds for the transfer have been identified and are available in object class 07; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds for the purpose of covering late year personnel costs to enable the Division of Water to operate without interruption through the end of 2025, 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 City Auditor is hereby authorized the transfer of \$1,547,197.47 from the Water Operating Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$1,547,197.47 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized between Object Classes within Fund 6000 Water Operating Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the purpose of this transfer of funds within the Water Operating Fund is to further support the personnel costs through year-end.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source

for all contracts or contract modification associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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.