



## Legislation Text

File #: O-473-20, Version: 1

### WATER WASTEWATER AFFORDABILITY

Utility Administration

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(Revised)

**Authorizing the appropriation and operating transfer of \$49,360 from the unappropriated balance of the Water Replacement Fund to the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and operating transfer of \$49,360 from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Replacement Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund ; authorizing the appropriation and operating transfer of \$24,680 from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Utility Replacement Fund to the Storm Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$49,360 from the unappropriated balance of the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$49,360 from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$24,680 from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Operating Fund for the purpose of contracting the services of an independent consulting firm to assist with the completion of a Low-Income Water & Waste Water Affordability Study for the Department of Public Utilities Plant Operations; authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the completion of said project; and declaring an emergency.**

### SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

This study is to develop an Affordability Plan to respond to the needs of income-eligible Toledo utility customers. The Affordability Plan involves not only a bill assistance component, but also involves components relating to community engagement: an assessment of potentially available and accessible internal and external resources; the development of other “responsive steps” that might adopted taking into account the levels of income, level of bills, payment difficulties and other factors that might affect “buying power” over time.

The fiscal impact of this ordinance is as follows:

- The amount of funds requested: \$123,400
- The expenditure budget line item: 6060-31000-4000524STDSTD, 6070-31000-4000524STDSTD, 607A-31000-4000524STDSTD
- New revenue generated (operational revenue, grants, if any): none
- Revenue budget line item (if any): none
- Are funds budgeted in the current fiscal year (yes/no)? : no
- Is this a capital project (yes/no)? no
- If yes, is it new or existing (new/existing)? n/a
- What section of the City’s Strategic Plan does this support:
  - o Excellence in Basic Services (yes/no) no
  - o Quality Community Investment (Livable City, Development) (yes/no) yes
  - o Workplace Culture & Customer Service (yes/no) no

- Environment (yes/no) no

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with an independent consulting firm for the development and implementation of a Low-Income Water & Waste Water Affordability Study upon such terms and conditions shall be approved by the Director of Public Utilities and the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. That the sum of \$49,360 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Water Replacement Fund to Account Code 6063-31000-558100-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the operating transfer of said amount to the Water Operating Fund, Account Code 6060-31000-408690-4000524STDSTD.

SECTION 3. That the sum of \$49,360 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Replacement Fund to Account Code 6073-31000-558100-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the operating transfer of said amount to the Sewer Operating Fund, Account Code 6070-31000-408690-4000524STDSTD.

SECTION 4. That the sum of \$24,680 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Utility Replacement Fund to Account Code 607D-31000-558100-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the operating transfer of said amount to the Storm Water Operating Fund, Account Code 607A-31000-408690-4000524STDSTD.

SECTION 5. That an amount not to exceed \$49,360 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Water Operating Fund to Account Code 6060-31000-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the expenditure of same for the purpose listed in Section 1.

SECTION 6. That an amount not to exceed \$49,360 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Operating Fund to Account Code 6070-31000-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the expenditure of same for the purpose listed in Section 1.

SECTION 7. That an amount not to exceed \$24,680 is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Operating Fund to Account Code 607A-31000-4000524STDSTD; and further authorizing the expenditure of same for the purpose listed in Section 1.

SECTION 8. That the Finance Director is authorized to issue her warrant or warrants against the above listed account codes in the total amount not to exceed \$123,400 in payment of the obligations authorized in Section 1 above upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 9. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property, and for the further reason that this ordinance must be immediately effective to respond to the needs of income-eligible Toledo utility customers.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, as an emergency measure: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council