

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Consulting Services for the Tax Commissioner's Office
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize execution of an agreement with Strategic Collections & Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 to assist with the collection and reporting of current and delinquent property taxes, facilitation of tax sales, and other compliance functions for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
INITIATED BY:	Tax Commissioner's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize execution of an agreement with Strategic Collections & Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 to assist with the collection and reporting of current and delinquent property taxes, tax sales, and other compliance functions for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

Background: Due to staffing shortages, the Tax Commissioner's Office is in need of assistance with researching delinquent tax-related laws and property tax issues, collecting delinquent real and personal property taxes, and facilitating the judicial and non-judicial tax sale processes.

Analysis: Securing the services of a consultant will help the Tax Commissioner's Office to remain in compliance with local and state laws.

Financial Considerations: The Tax Commissioner's Office budget will cover the costs of the consulting fees with the use of salary savings from vacant positions.

Legal Considerations: Council's express approval is needed for the use of salary savings per Section 41 of Ordinance No. 24-027.

Recommendation/Action: Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Strategic Collections & Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 to assist with the collection and reporting of current and delinquent property taxes, tax sales, and other compliance functions for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC COLLECTIONS & CONSULTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000 TO ASSIST WITH THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, FACILITATION OF TAX SALES, AND OTHER COMPLIANCE FUNCTIONS FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner’s Office is in need of assistance with researching delinquent tax-related laws and property tax issues, collecting delinquent real and personal property taxes, and facilitating the judicial and non-judicial tax sale processes; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner’s Office budget will cover the costs of the consulting fees with the use of salary savings from vacant positions; and

WHEREAS, Council’s express approval is needed for the use of salary savings per Section 41 of Ordinance No. 24-027.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager, Tax Commissioner, or designee is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement with Strategic Collections & Consulting, LLC to facilitate the collection and reporting of property taxes, tax sales, and other compliance functions for the Tax Commissioner’s Office. Expenses will be charged to: General Fund – Tax Commissioner – Professional Services; 0101 – 560 – 1000 – TAXC – 6311.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor