

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-6

CONFIRMING THE STATE OF OHIO AUDITOR'S OFFICE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING REVIEW AND AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE 2011 THROUGH 2014 AUDIT YEARS FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,800; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, provides the method under which the City Manager shall make certain purchases and enter into contracts on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the financial records for the City of Blue Ash to be audited each fiscal year, either by the Auditor of State Office or under a contract they grant to an independent auditing firm; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the State Auditor's Office has relied upon independent auditors for Blue Ash reviews; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of the State of Ohio is recommending that a three-year contract be granted with an independent auditor for these professional services for the 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 audit years; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor's Office has prepared a request for proposal, has distributed those packets, has opened the bids received, and has ranked and considered each proposal, with the Blue Ash Treasurer having the opportunity to review the technical portion of the bids; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Auditor's Office is expected to recommend, and Blue Ash officials to confirm, that a Julian & Grube, Inc. from Westerville, Ohio, perform these accounting and audit services for the four-year contract, with an estimated total cost not to exceed \$70,800, with the provision for payment of supplemental costs should a Federal Single Audit be required.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the Auditor's selection of an audit firm and to make payment to the Auditor of State's recommended independent accounting firm, Julian & Grube, Inc. for professional accounting audit services for the 2011 through 2014 audit years. The cost for the four-year contract is estimated to be \$70,800. Any requirement to follow additional formal bidding procedures is hereby waived due to the professional services nature of the contract and since a bid procedure occurred through the State of Ohio Auditor's Office.

SECTION II.

The City Manager is authorized to make additional or supplemental payment to Julian & Grube, Inc. should the need arise in any year for the Federal Single Audit.

SECTION III.

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds therefor, which funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Blue Ash,

Ohio; the reason for the emergency being the immediate need to provide for professional audit services as required by the Auditor of State. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 26th day of January, 2012.

Mark F. Weber, Mayor

Karla Plank, Acting Clerk of Council for
Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Pacheco, Deputy Solicitor