

City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0068-2024

File Number: ORD-0068-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT (FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH) FOR 2025 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna contracts with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to provide health services for the City and to function as the City's public health department; and

WHEREAS, said services include administrative services, data services, environmental health, emergency preparedness, epidemiology, health promotion, health systems and planning, immunization services, occupational health, inspection services, and maternal and child health; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the 2025 program is \$354,273.05 (\$10.1867 per capita), representing an increase of approximately 1.4% from the 2024 program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration requests passage of the Ordinance as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, safety, health, and welfare of the City; to wit, ensuring continuity of essential public health services for a January 1, 2025 effective date of the contract.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Franklin County Public Health for ongoing health services in the City of Gahanna for the 2025 fiscal year, said agreement attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, and made a part herein.

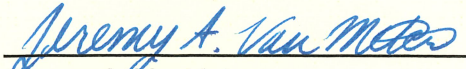
Section 2. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble, this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure which shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by this Council and on date of signature of approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on November 18, 2024, a motion was made by Schnitzer, seconded by Weaver, that the Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The vote was as follows:

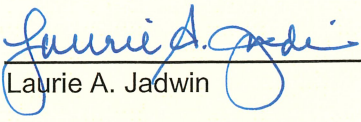
Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes; Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnitzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes

President 
Merisa K. Bowers

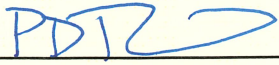
Date 11-18-24

Attest by 
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date 11-18-2024

Approved by the Mayor 
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 11.18.2024

Approved as to Form 
Priya D. Tamarasan
City Attorney

Date 11/18/24

Franklin County
Public Health



Dear City of Gahanna,

On behalf of the Franklin County Board of Health and pursuant to ORC 3709.08, please find enclosed, our 2025 contract between the city of Gahanna and Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) for Public Health Services and/or Plumbing Services.

The funding from our cities, townships, and villages allows FCPH to meet national standards including nursing, public health nuisance, health education, health promotion, community engagement, communication, workforce development, quality improvement, epidemiology and assessment, behavioral health and addiction, as well as emergency preparedness. This critical support has resulted in Franklin County Public Health once again being named in 2024 a nationally accredited health department by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Accreditation is a five-year designation which assures our community they are served by highly trained staff carrying out the critical functions of public health.

Building on core funding from our local jurisdictional partners, FCPH continues to diversify its resources through our strategic plan. In 2024, FCPH received direct funding through grants from the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. In addition to these projects, we continually carry out all state-mandated services such as communicable disease investigations as well as licenses, permits and inspections (e.g., food, pools, body art, and private water).

More information about all FCPH programs and services can be found on the FCPH Data Hub located at: <https://fcph-data-hub-fca.hub.arcgis.com/pages/programs-planning>.

As an agency, we continue to strive towards achieving our goal of incorporating equity into every aspect of our work. This work includes implementing our declaration of racism as a public health crisis, moving into the second year of implementation for our Community Health Improvement Plan, and building our interactive [data hub](#) to inform future initiatives. We remain focused on improving our programs and services while ensuring the best value for our community.

Thank you for your continued partnership to serve the residents of your community. Please feel free to reach out to our office if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joe Mazzola, MPA
Health Commissioner
Franklin County Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT
Between
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
And
CITY OF Gahanna

This Public Health Services Contract (the "Contract") entered into by and between the City of Gahanna (hereafter referred to as "City"), with its principal address being 200 S. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230, and the Board of Health of the Franklin County Public Health (hereafter referred to as "Board" or "FCPH") for 2025 Public Health Services (the "Services") under the approval of Resolution No. 24-111, dated July 9, 2024.

WHEREAS, FCPH is a general health district as defined under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 3709.01.

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3709.08 authorizes cities in Franklin County, Ohio to contract with the Board to provide the Services to and within the City.

WHEREAS, the District Advisory Council (hereafter referred to as "Council") of the Franklin County Public Health, created by ORC 3709.03, after giving due notice by publication, as required by law, held a public meeting on March 20, 2024 at which members representing the Council voted affirmatively to provide public health services to the cities in Franklin County, by a majority vote, and authorized the Chairman of the Council to enter into a contract with the Mayor of each city to provide public health services therein.

WHEREAS, FCPH is engaged in the governance of providing public health services as described in this Contract and the Scope of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, and has the knowledge, skills and resources to provide such services in accordance with Ohio law and the terms and conditions of this Contract.

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 3709.08(C), the Contract was submitted to the State of Ohio's director of health. FCPH is organized and equipped to provide the services and shall have the powers and shall perform all the duties required of the board of health or the authority having the duties of a board of health within the City.

WHEREAS, the City is willing to contract with the Board for such services in accordance with Ohio law and the terms and conditions of this Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, for the mutual considerations herein specified, the City and FCPH, hereby agree to the terms and conditions, as follows:

SECTION 1 – SERVICES

The Board shall, for the consideration hereinafter stated, furnish to the City, and inhabitants thereof, all such public health services as are furnished to all villages and townships and the inhabitants thereof, of Franklin County, Ohio. The Services shall include

all services as allowed by law according to the most current version of the Ohio Revised Code and as listed in Exhibit A. The Services shall meet the minimum standards and optimal achievable standards for boards of health and local health departments, pursuant to ORC Section 3701.342, and shall include enforcement of all rules and regulations, pursuant to the Ohio Administrative Code and the enforcement of the following Franklin County Public Health Regulations:

- (100) Definitions
- (103) Plumbing and Medical Gas for Commercial, Public and Residential Buildings and Places
- (104) Rabies Control
- (105) Approval of Building Plans
- (106) Sewage Treatment Systems
- (199) Administration and Enforcement

The current version of the above-referenced regulations of Franklin County Public Health shall apply to, and be enforceable within, the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Public Health and the City.

The City Attorney shall be responsible for any litigation involving enforcement of Health Regulations within the corporate limits of the City.

SECTION 2 – TERM AND TERMINATION

The term of this Contract shall begin on January 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2025, subject to the termination provisions herein. Either party to this Contract shall have the right to terminate the Contract upon 120 days written notice. This Contract shall not have any renewal terms.

SECTION 3 – COMMUNICATION

The Board will provide ongoing communication with the Mayor/City Manager and his or her designees through notification at least quarterly. This communication will provide information on timely public health topics, upcoming events, and featured services. Reports and other information about direct services that are being provided to the City will be provided upon request.

SECTION 4 – PUBLIC HEALTH PAYMENT, FEES & CHARGES

The City shall pay the Board for Services furnished to the City. The fee for such payment shall be based on a per capita rate of \$10.1867. The total cost for the Services for 2025 shall not exceed \$ 354,273.05 (the "Fee"), notwithstanding any fee established pursuant to the sections set forth below.

Such Fee shall be paid to the Board in installments of 50% of the total contract amount in January 2025 and 50% of the total contract amount in June 2025 through the process of withholding such amounts from the semi-annual real estate tax settlement distribution to be received by the City and transferred to the Board by the Settlement Officer of the Franklin County Auditor.

In any instance where the Board expends funds to abate a nuisance within the City, pursuant to Section 1 above, the Board may invoice the City for the costs of such nuisance abatement and the City shall pay such cost. The cost of any such abatement shall be in addition to the Fee set forth herein.

The Board agrees to certify such nuisance abatement costs to the Franklin County Auditor to be recorded as a lien upon the property and shall reimburse all funds recovered under such a lien to the City, less the cost of abatement services.

SECTION 5 – PLUMBING AND MEDICAL GAS SERVICES AND FEES

5.01 Plumbing Services and Fees

The City, through its Building Department, shall issue plumbing permits and collect fees for such permits. The fees to be charged by the City shall be the most current fees charged by the FCPH. The City shall pay FCPH sixty (60) percent of all plumbing permit fees collected by the City. The City shall provide FCPH monthly statements of all permits issued, and permit fees collected. FCPH shall then invoice the City for sixty (60) percent of the permit fees collected based on the City's monthly statements. The City shall pay said amount, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice.

FCPH shall receive all plumbing plans, conduct review of such plans, and collect and retain fees for plan review, and conduct inspections for all plumbing installations within the City. Inspectors shall be state certified Plumbing Inspectors and Plumbing Plans Examiners by the Ohio Board of Building Standards.

5.02 Medical Gas Services and Fees

FCPH shall receive all medical gas plans and shall provide plan review and inspections for all medical gas installations within the City. FCPH will issue permits, and collect and retain fees, for such medical gas plans and permits. Inspectors shall be certified by the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the Ohio Board of Building Standard as Medical Gas Inspectors.

SECTION 6 – ACTUAL LIABILITIES

The City shall be responsible for any litigation involving enforcement of health regulations within the corporate limits of the City.

Each party to this Contract shall be responsible for any liability, claim, loss, damage or expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorney fees, arising from its negligent acts or omissions in connection with its performance of this Contract, or its failure to comply with the terms of this Contract, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as an obligation of the either party to defend, hold harmless, or indemnify any other party, entity, or individual, even for claims that are the result of negligent acts or omissions of such other party.

SECTION 7 – GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract and any claims arising in any way out of this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this

Contract or the performance hereunder shall be brought only in an Ohio court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio, and the City hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction.

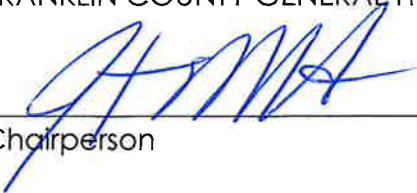
SECTION 8 – APPROVAL

This Contract is approved by a majority of the members of the legislative authority of the City, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance ORD-0068-2024 dated 11/18/2024.

The City has determined that Franklin County Public Health is organized and equipped to adequately provide the Services that are the subject of this Contract.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals and have executed this agreement the day and year written below.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT



Chairperson 2-10-25
Date

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



Joe Mazzola, MPA 2.10.25
Date
Health Commissioner

THE CITY OF Gahanna, OHIO




Mayor/City Manager/Administrator 11/26/2024
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shayla D. Favor
Prosecuting Attorney
Franklin County, Ohio



Assistant Prosecuting Attorney 1/7/2025
Date
Attorney for Franklin County Public Health



City Attorney 11/27/2024
Date
City of Gahanna, Ohio

FINANCIAL CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount required to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment of expenditure for the above has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the proper fund and is free from any obligation or certificated now outstanding.

Joann Bury
Finance Director
City of Gahanna, Ohio

1/6/2025
Date

**EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF WORK**

Franklin County Public Health ("Board"), hereby agrees to provide health services for the City for the calendar year 2025 as set forth below ("Services").

- The Board shall have full authority to be and act as the public health authority for the City
- The Services described in the schedule listed below in this Exhibit will be provided by the Board to the City.
- The Services will include all necessary medical, nursing, sanitary, laboratory and such other health services as are required by the Statutes of the State of Ohio.

The followings specific services shall be a part of the Services provided under this Contract:

List of Functions, Programs and Services
Administrative Services:
Administration
Budget, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
Communication & Marketing
Grant Writing & Management
Records Management
Reports - Financial & Statistical
Data Services:
Community Health Assessment
Health Data
Environmental Health:
Body Art Business Approval, Inspection and Education
Food Service Operation Licensing, Inspection & Education
Healthy Homes (Lead, Radon) Inspection & Education
Vector Control Education
Public Health Nuisance Enforcement & Education
Plumbing & Medical Gas Inspections
Public Swimming Pool & Spa Licensing, Inspection & Education
Rabies Surveillance - Animal bite investigation and follow up
Retail Food Establishment Licensing, Inspection & Education
School Facilities Inspection & Education
Sewage Treatment System Permitting, Inspection & Education
Smoke Free Workplace Enforcement & Education
Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Facility, Transfer Station Inspection & Enforcement
Sustainability Education and Efforts
Temporary Park Camp Licensing, Enforcement & Inspection
Water Quality Permitting, Testing & Education
Emergency Preparedness:

Community Outreach and Education
Injury Prevention/Opiate Crisis Programs & Education
Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Planning and Cities' Readiness Initiative activities
Epidemiology, Surveillance, Investigation Services:
Reportable Infectious Disease investigation and follow-up(excluding HIV/AIDS; STD; TB)
Disease Outbreak Management
Health Promotion:
Community Health Action Teams
Farm to School Program
Nutrition & Physical Activity Education Programs
Safe Routes to Schools
Tobacco Use Prevention, Education & Cessation Program
Health Systems & Planning:
Community Health Improvement Plan
Data & Information Technology
Public Health Accreditation
Immunization Services:
Childhood and Adult Vaccine Administration Services
Occupational Health:
Immunizations and screenings - Fee for Service
Maternal & Child Health:
Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) Public Health Nursing Services
Safe Sleep & Infant Mortality Prevention Initiatives & Education

The Board maintains a range of grant funded programs for citizens throughout the County who are income qualified.

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THIS EXHIBIT AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUALLY.