

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 43

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR BUSINESS ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR CITY OF WILLOWICK SMALL BUSINESSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, funds were awarded to the State of Ohio as Federal Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Social Security Act, as amended by Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF); and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act, Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, created the CRF and provided \$13.4m to Lake County, Ohio, of which \$2,305,697.96 was allocated to the City of Willowick; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Office Of Budget and Management provided a thirteen page Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program document attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to provide guidance to local governments receiving the CRF, and page eleven allows local government jurisdiction to create a grant program “if the grants are directly related to remediating or responding to COVID-19 and meet the requirements for eligibility of the U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance”; and

WHEREAS, the city has statutory authority to disburse these funds under this Agreement as provided by Ordinances 2020-28 and 2020-29, both adopted by Council on July 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City Administration and City Council have identified a need in the small business community of Willowick, Ohio for CRF grant funding allocation and are hereby providing Small Business Economic Relief Grants; and

WHEREAS, the City has allocated Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of providing immediate funding to small businesses within Willowick, Ohio that have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic since March 1st, 2020 and meet eligibility criteria to receive reimbursement of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) each for Coronavirus-related expenses on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted after October 15th, 2020. An Agreement entitled “Cares Act Funding Assistance Program for Small Businesses Economic Relief in the City of Willowick”, attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, has been prepared for completion by small businesses within the City of Willowick; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Willowick’s receipt of Coronavirus Relief Funds allows for the creation of a grant program to assist small businesses in the city.

SECTION 2. That the city has prepared an Agreement for Small Business Application, permitting reimbursement of Coronavirus-eligible expenses not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per small business on a first-come, first served basis.

SECTION 3. That the city shall review small business applications and make recommendations for reimbursement based on a first-come, first-served basis until the grant is expired on November 20, 2020 or the grant funding of \$300,000.00 is exhausted, whichever comes first.

SECTION 4. That the Mayor (or his designee) is authorized to sign any and all documents consistent with the application and distribution of said funding.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance repeals any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare of the residents of the City of Willowick; and further that there is an immediate need to dispense funding for expenditures associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and that it will ensure the orderly and uninterrupted efficient operation of the City and its Finance Department.

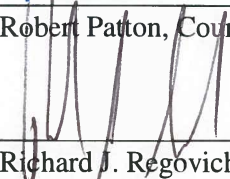
WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council: 10/15, 2020



Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: 10/15, 2020



Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: 10/15, 2020

ATTEST: Susan K. Wovrosh
Susan Wovrosh, Clerk of Council