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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30

AN ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE URBAN ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 AS AMENDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, provides an entitlement of funds for community development purposes for urban counties; and

WHEREAS, Lake County will be designated as an "Urban County" provided that it secures the continued commitments with various political subdivisions in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the County shall prepare Applications for FY 2021, 2022 and 2023 Urban County Entitlement CDBG and HOME Funds pursuant to the aforementioned Acts for the FY 2021, 2022, and 2023 CDBG Program Years; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2014 the Council of Willoughby Hills adopted Ordinance No. 2014-63 reauthorizing a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Willoughby Hills and the Board of County Commissions, Lake County to participate in the Lake County, Ohio Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Program and abide by the covenants of said program; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, Mayor Gardner received a letter from CDBG Manager Rhea Benton (EXHIBIT1), informing the City of Willoughby Hills of their need to renew the City's Cooperation Agreement in the form of an Ordinance, if the City desired to continue participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willoughby Hills desires to reaffirm its participation and inclusion of its population in the Lake County Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs and to reauthorize the Cooperation Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for an additional three-year period.

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

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Willoughby Hills hereby reaffirms the City's commitment with the Lake County Board of Commissioners to participate in the Urban Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and that the funds necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance authorized thereby shall be paid from the "CDBG Urban County Entitlement Funds" under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

SECTION 2. The time period of said reaffirmed Cooperative Agreement shall be from the first day of the 2021 program year, through and including the last day of the 2023 program year. The reaffirming of said agreement shall authorize the County to execute essential Community Development Programs and Housing Assistance and projects eligible under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

SECTION 3. Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take such actions necessary as appropriate to consummate or implement the transaction described in or contemplated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The funds necessary for the purpose of this Ordinance and the Agreement authorized thereby shall be paid from “Urban Entitlement Funds” under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Ordinance to the Lake County Auditor, Jason W. Boyd, County Administrator, David Radachy, Lake County Planning and Community Development Director and the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development.

SECTION 6. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the community, and for the further reason to permit the City to submit the documents at the earliest date possible in order to meet Federal deadlines for program eligibility to secure possible funding; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: May 28, 2020



Christopher Hallum
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 29th day of May, 2020

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:
Joanne E. Manceo
Clerk of Council

May 29, 2020
G. Andrew Gardner
Mayor