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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46-AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FOR BUSINESS ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS SMALL BUSINESSES AS A SUBGRANT TO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) GRANT RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS 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 \$532,321.51 was allocated to the City of Willoughby Hills (“the City”); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Budget and Management provided a thirteen-page, Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program document (EXHIBIT 1) to provide guidance to local governments receiving CRF. Page eleven (11) of this document allows the 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 in the U.S. Department of Treasury guidance”; and

WHEREAS, the City has statutory authority to disburse these funds under this Agreement as provided by City Ordinance 2020-44 adopted by Council on July 23, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, the City has allocated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of providing immediate funding to small businesses within the City that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic since March 1, 2020 and meet the eligibility criteria to receive reimbursement of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) each for COVID-19 related expenses on a first come, first served basis. **Applications will be accepted after September 1, 2020.** An Agreement entitled “A CARES Act Funding Assistance Program for Small Business Economic Relief in the City Agreement” (“Agreement”) (Exhibit 2) has been prepared for City small businesses’ completion upon application; and

WHEREAS, Council’s approval of this expenditure is required since the one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) grant funding exceeds the Mayor’s spending authority governed by Ordinance 2020-25, adopted on April 23, 2020, and specifies the Mayor’s spending authority as a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

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

SECTION 1. The City’s receipt of CRF allows for the creation of a grant program to assist small businesses in our City.

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SECTION 2. The City has prepared an Agreement for small business application, permitting reimbursement of COVID-19 eligible expenses not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per small business on a first come, first served basis.

SECTION 3. The City shall review small business applications and make recommendations for the reimbursement based on a first come, first served basis, until the grant is expired on December 31, 2020, or the grant funding of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is exhausted, whichever comes first.

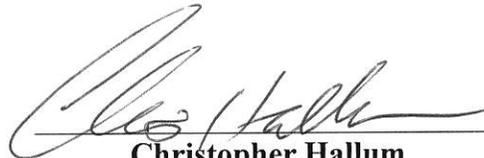
SECTION 4. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to sign any and all documents consistent with the application and distribution of said funding.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

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, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills, insofar as it provides for immediate execution of small business grants to provide immediate funding to eligible small businesses in the City that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic since March 1, 2020; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

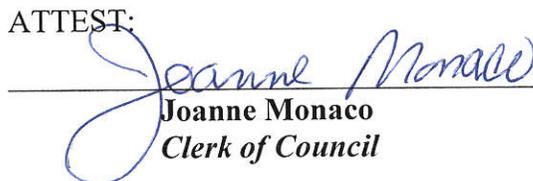
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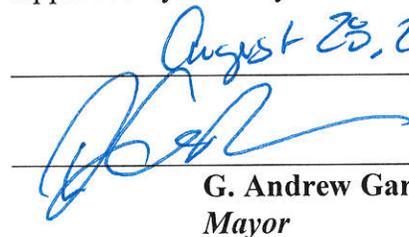
Christopher Hallum
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 28th day of August, 2020

Approved by the Mayor
August 28, 2020, 2020

ATTEST:


Joanne Monaco
Clerk of Council



G. Andrew Gardner
Mayor