ORDINANCE NO. 2019-9

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $1,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) RECONSTRUCTING STUMPH ROAD FROM SNOW ROAD TO PEARL ROAD, INCLUDING BY INSTALLING SANITARY AND STORM SEWER LINES AND STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES, WHERE NECESSARY, AND MAKING ALL RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, (ii) RENOVATING THE CASSIDY COMMUNITY CENTER AND (iii) RESURFACING PORTIONS OF PEARL ROAD, BERESFORD AVENUE, LAYOR DRIVE, QUEENS HIGHWAY AND NORTH CHURCH DRIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 2018-18 and 2018-19, both passed April 9, 2018, notes in anticipation of bonds in the amount of $1,145,000, dated May 1, 2018 (the “Outstanding Notes”), were issued for the purposes stated in Section 1, to mature on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the City should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3 and other funds available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvements described in Section 1 is at least five years and that the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds described in clause (i) is 16 years, in clause (ii) is 30 years and in clause (iii) is 15 years, and the maximum maturity of the portion of the Notes in clause (i) is May 18, 2031 and in clauses (ii) and (iii) is October 11, 2037;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Authorized Principal Amount of Anticipated Bonds and Purpose. It is hereby declared necessary to issue bonds of the City of Parma Heights in the aggregate principal amount of $1,000,000 (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of paying costs of (i) reconstructing Stumph Road from Snow Road to Pearl Road, including by installing sanitary and storm sewer lines and storm drainage facilities, where necessary, and making all related improvements ($200,000), (ii) renovating the Cassidy Community Center ($80,000) and (iii) resurfacing portions of Pearl Road, Beresford Avenue, Layor Drive, Queens Highway and North Church Drive ($720,000).

Section 2. Estimated Bond Terms. The Bonds shall be dated approximately April 1, 2020; shall bear interest at the estimated rate of 5.0% per year, payable semi-annually, until the principal sum is paid; and shall mature in 20 annual principal installments on December 1 of each year that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are not more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The first principal payment of the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2021 and the first interest payment on the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2020.

Section 3. Authorized Principal Amount of Notes; Dating; Interest Rate. It is necessary to issue and this Council hereby determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of $1,000,000 (the “Notes”) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to
retire, together with other funds available to the City, the Outstanding Notes. Those Notes shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5.0% per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), payable at maturity, with such rate of interest to be fixed by the Director of Finance in his Certificate of Award awarding the Notes at private sale in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 hereof. The Notes shall be dated as of their date of issuance, and shall mature on a date to be selected by the Director of Finance, which shall be any date not later than one year from their date of issuance.

Section 4. Payment of Debt Charges; Paying Agent. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, without deduction for services of the City's paying agent, at the office of one or more banks or trust companies designated by the purchaser, provided any such designation shall be approved by the Director of Finance after determining that sufficient safeguards exist to protect the funds of this City, or at the office of the Director of Finance if agreed to by the Director of Finance and the original purchaser.

Section 5. Execution of Notes; Book Entry System. The Notes shall be signed by the Mayor and Director of Finance, in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the Director of Finance, provided that the entire principal amount may be represented by a single note. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the Director of Finance and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 133, the Charter of the City and this Ordinance. As used in this Section and this Ordinance:

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of, and interest on, the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) a single physical Note certificate is issued by the City and payable only to a Depository or its nominee, with such Notes "immobilized" in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes or the principal of, and interest on, the Notes and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be
transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the Director of Finance may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Director of Finance does not or is unable to do so, the Director of Finance, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable to order form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Director of Finance is also hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

Section 6. Sale of the Notes.

(a) To the Original Purchaser. The Notes shall be awarded and sold by the Director of Finance at private sale at not less than 97% of the principal amount thereof to the original purchaser identified in the Certificate of Award in accordance with law and the provisions of this Ordinance and the Certificate of Award. The Director of Finance shall, in accordance with his determination of the best interests of and financial advantages to the City and its taxpayers and conditions then existing in the financial markets, determine the interest rate the Notes shall bear and their maturity consistent with this Ordinance, designate the original purchaser and the purchase price, and make all other designations herein authorized, execute the Certificate of Award related thereto, and cause the Notes to be prepared, signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser, to the original purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements, note purchase or paying agent agreement and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. The Director of Finance is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other note issues of the City into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code.

(b) Application for Rating; Financing Costs. The Director of Finance is authorized to request a rating for the Notes from one or more nationally-recognized rating agencies in connection with the sale and issuance of the Notes. The expenditure of the amounts necessary to secure those rating(s) and to pay the other financing costs (as defined in Section 133.01 of the Revised Code) in connection with the Notes is authorized and approved, and the Director of Finance is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Notes to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

(c) Ohio Market Access Program. If the Director of Finance determines in the Certificate of Award for it to be in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City, the City shall participate in the Treasurer of State’s Ohio Market Access Program.
The Standby Note Purchase Agreement (the “Standby Note Purchase Agreement”) and Paying Agent Agreement (the “Paying Agent Agreement”) are hereby authorized in the forms presented to this Council with such changes not materially adverse to the City as may be approved by the officers of the City executing the Standby Note Purchase Agreement and Paying Agent Agreement. The City acknowledges the agreement of the Treasurer of State in the Standby Note Purchase Agreement that, in the event the City is unable to repay the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest of the Notes at their maturity, whether through its own funds or through the issuance of other obligations of the City, the Treasurer of State agrees (A) to purchase the Notes from the holders or beneficial owners thereof upon their presentation to the Treasurer of State for such purchase at a price of par plus accrued interest to maturity or (B) to purchase renewal notes of the City in a principal amount not greater than the principal amount of the Notes plus interest due at maturity, with such renewal notes bearing interest at the Renewal Note Rate (as defined in the Standby Note Purchase Agreement), maturing not more than one year after the date of their issuance, and being prepayable at any time with 30 days’ notice, provided that in connection with the Treasurer of State’s purchase of such renewal notes the City shall deliver to the Treasurer of State an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that (i) such renewal notes are the legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City, and the principal of and interest on such renewal notes, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes, within the 10 mill limitation provided by the Charter of the City, on all property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the City and (ii) interest on the renewal notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, to the same extent that interest on the Notes is so excluded.

The officers signing the Notes are authorized to take all actions that may in their judgment reasonably be necessary to provide for the Standby Note Purchase Agreement, including but not limited to the inclusion of a notation on the form of the Notes providing notice to the holders or beneficial owners of the existence of the Standby Note Purchase Agreement and providing instructions to such holders or beneficial owners regarding the presentation of the Note for purchase by the Treasurer of State at stated maturity.

Section 7. Application of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

Section 8. Application and Pledge of Bond or Renewal Note Proceeds or Excess Funds. The principal amount to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

Section 9. Provisions for Tax Levy. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the 10.0 mill limitation provided by the Charter of the City, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due. In each year to the extent that other funds are available for the payment of debt charges on the Notes and Bonds and are appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the money so available and appropriated.
Section 10. Federal Tax Considerations. The City covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) or (ii) be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103 of the Code applies, and (b) the interest thereon will not be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The City further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The Director of Finance, as the fiscal officer, or any other officer of the City having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation (including specifically designation or treatment of the Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” if such designation or treatment is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants), choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Notes as the City is permitted or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections provided for in or available under Section 148 of the Code for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments of penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the City regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.

Each covenant made in this section with respect to the Notes is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the Notes (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this section to take with respect to the Notes.

Section 11. Certification and Delivery of Ordinance. The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County.

Section 12. Satisfaction of Conditions for Note Issuance. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City of Parma Heights have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of
delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the City are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 14. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Ordinance are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Ordinance unless otherwise indicated.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediately preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be effective immediately in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to timely retire the Outstanding Notes and thereby preserve its credit, wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: March 25, 2019

Attest: Florence A. Bohden
Clerk of Council

Approved: March 25, 2019

Filed with the Mayor: March 25, 2019

President of Council

Mayor