

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND OHIO SENATE BILL NO. 310, AFFIRMING THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS BY THE CITY CONSISTENT WITH THE CARES ACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19, has been spreading, as residents of the County and State have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is still imminent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parma Heights represents that it has experienced a significant financial downturn as a result of significantly reduced tax revenue, which is fairly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and estimates that it will continue to experience financial shortfalls over the foreseeable future as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the severity of the COVID-19 virus in the United States, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was passed by the United States Congress on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Relief Fund provides for payments to local governments navigating the financial impact of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides that payments from such Fund may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred only due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, and were incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, State of Ohio Senate Bill No. 310 provides for the distribution of such Federal Coronavirus Relief Funding to local subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, when the City is advised that its funding under Ohio Senate Bill No. 310 is approved, the City is desirous of accepting such funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. This Council hereby approves the acceptance of any award of funding under the CARES Act and Ohio Senate Bill No. 310, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, and other appropriate officers of the City to provide, execute and deliver certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

Section 2. This Council affirms that the funds so received from the CARES Act and Ohio Senate Bill No. 310, may be expended only to cover costs of the City of Parma Heights consistent with the requirements of Section 5001 of the CARES Act, as described in 42 U.S.C. 601 (d) and any applicable regulations that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act); and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Section 3. In compliance with Ohio Senate Bill 310, the Director of Finance shall take all necessary action to:

1. On or before October 15, 2020, pay any unencumbered balance of money in the City of Parma Heights's Local Coronavirus Relief Fund to the County Treasurer;
2. On or before December 28, 2020, pay the balance of any money in the City of Parma Heights's Local Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State Treasury in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; and
3. Provide any information related to any payments received under Senate Bill 310 to the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management as requested.

Section 4. The funds shall be placed into and expended out of the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Section 5. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 6. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public peace, health, and safety of the Municipality and for the further reason that it is necessary in order to be eligible to receive funds, to accept such funds and to conserve public funds; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 6-8-2020   
 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:  6-8-2020  
 CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 6-8-2020   
 MAYOR