

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 124-20

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 123-20

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING CARES ACT FUNDS TO COVER PAYROLL AND BENEFIT EXPENSES OF EMPLOYEES SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO MITIGATING AND RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO PAYROLL EXPENSES FOR EMPLOYEES INFECTED/DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Ohio Office of Management and Budget's Ohio Grants Partnership has released guidance pertaining to the use of Federal CARES Act funds for employees infected/directly impacted to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions; and

WHEREAS, CARES Act Funds usage have been further clarified by the United States Department of the Treasury on September 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury has indicated that the full amount of payroll and benefits for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency may be covered by CARES Act funds and that all such employees are presumed for administrative convenience to be substantially dedicated to combatting COVID-19; and;

WHEREAS, both the Ohio Office of Management and Budget and the United States Treasury have determined that police officers, firefighters/paramedics, and those who directly support them are considered to be substantially dedicated to combatting COVID-19;

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster shall reimburse departments for their payroll and benefit expenses for employees infected/directly impacted to comply with the COVID-19 public health precautions.

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster shall use the remaining CARES Act funds to reimburse the Police Department and Fire Department a portion of their payroll and benefit expense dated from March 1, 2020 until December 30, 2020 unless the deadline is extended by the state and federal government.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 11/23/20 after 1st reading. Vote: Yeas 7 Nays 0

Date Approved: 11/23/20

Clerk: Jeresa Lee Sandy

Laura G. Ull
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Offered by: Valley J. Miller-Dowson

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Requested by Finance Committee