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 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 107 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S ARPA FIRST RESPONDER RETENTION INCENTIVES GRANT, MAKING NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, House Bill 169 of the 134th General Assembly appropriated a total of \$75 million to provide grants to support communities that have experienced adverse impacts to First Responder personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Ohio EMA has awarded Retention Incentive funds to Ohio's First Responders, including the City, hoping that these funds will assist in retaining staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's ARPA First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention, and Resiliency Grant for fire and dispatch employees. Furthermore, the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Law, and other necessary City officials are authorized to provide such other information to execute such other documents and do all other actions as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the requirements of this ordinance and the terms of the Grant Agreement.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to increase appropriations in the General Fund, Fire and Communication departments, line item Personal Services, by \$268,000, and \$34,184, respectively, and to make payment from the same.

<u>Section 3.</u> Any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof and to meet the upcoming grant deadline, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Clerk of Council

9/25/23

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