

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2020

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2019 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations from the General Fund Unappropriated Balance, Amending Codified Ordinance Section 507.01 - Proclamation of State of Emergency, Authorizing the City Manager to Temporarily Waive or Suspend the provisions of Codified Ordinance Chapter 137 and the Personnel Rules and Regulations, Authorizing the Columbus Board of Health to take Necessary Actions, and Declaring an Emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency as a result of the spread of the coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially characterized the coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Board of Health provides public health services to the City of Worthington pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.08; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Columbus Board of Health declared a public health emergency in the City of Columbus and the City of Worthington; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington is committed to taking the necessary steps to protect the health and safety of its residents and its employees while still providing essential public services during this public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that due to the immediate need to provide additional funding and to provide the City Manager additional authority to timely address the public health emergency that it is in the best interest of the City of Worthington to waive notice of public hearing and to declare this Ordinance an emergency measure effective immediately; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, six-sevenths of the members elected thereto herein concurring:

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SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated balances to:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General Fund #101</u>		
101.1050.560977	Contingencies	\$ 100,000.00
101.1050.560979	Pay Continuity Contingency	\$ 100,000.00
General Fund Totals		\$ 200,000.00

SECTION 2. That Section 507.01 “Proclamation of State of Emergency” is hereby amended to read as follows:

507.01 PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.

(a) When a civil emergency which substantially impairs the functioning of the City government and its ability to protect the lives and property of the people; any of the following named officers of the City, acting in the order herein designated, when the previously named officer or officers are absent from the City or are unavailable or incapable of doing so, are authorized and directed to proclaim the existence of a state of civil emergency in the City or within any prescribed area or areas thereof:

- (1) The City Manager;
- (2) The Acting City Manager;
- (3) The President of Council;
- (4) The President Pro Tem of Council;
- (5) The Chief of Police; or
- (6) The Fire Chief.

(b) Whoever violates any proclamation issued in accordance with this section is guilty of a misdemeanor in the first degree.

(c) For purposes of this Chapter, “Civil Emergency” means a tumult, riot, mob or body of people acting together with the intent to commit or facilitate the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor, or to do or offer violence to person or property; or by force and violence break or resist the law; or in the event of flood, fire, snowstorm, pandemic, public health emergency, or any other public crisis or disaster, either natural or man- made, affecting life and property, or any emergency declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized during the duration of the current public health emergency to waive or suspend the provisions of Codified Ordinance Chapter 137 and the Personnel Rules necessary to provide essential services during the public health emergency and to provide compensation to employees who may

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not be able to work due to public building closures or other official actions taken in response to the public health emergency, provided that the City Manager provides City Council prompt notice of any actions taken pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Columbus Board of Health is hereby authorized during the duration of the current public health emergency, after notice and consultation with the City Manager, to take all actions lawfully permitted under state law and necessary to protect the residents and employees of the City of Worthington.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare due to the public health emergency presented by the rapid spread of the coronavirus. Notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed March 16, 2020

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

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P.H. March 16, 2020
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