

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A TEMPORARY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS FOR ENTITIES IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Johnson

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) has taken an unprecedented public health and economic toll on communities across the United States, including in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has agreed to provide One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) to City Council, via a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to a special fund created hereby, so that Council is able provide community support grants to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to a newly-created special fund is being utilized because of the substantial administrative costs associated with the use of American Recovery Plan Act funds, thereby ensuring that more funds are available for City Council to provide community support grants to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to (1) create a special fund for Council to provide community support grants to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and (2) authorize a transfer of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the special fund created hereby.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. A temporary City Council special fund (the “Special Fund”) is hereby created for City Council to provide community support grants to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The requirements of City Code Section 2-369 shall not apply to grants made from the Special Fund. All other applicable requirements, including, but not limited to, the requirements of City Code Section 2-368 and the City Council guidelines for grants, shall apply to grants made from the Special Fund.

SECTION 2. A one-time transfer of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) (the “Funds”) from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Special Fund is hereby authorized. Once all of the Funds have been expended, the Special Fund shall be closed and shall cease to exist.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading..... July 7, 2022
Second Reading..... July 7, 2022
Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance creates a temporary City Council special fund (the “Special Fund”) for community support grants for entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and authorizes a one-time transfer of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) (the “Funds”) from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Special Fund. Once all of the Funds have been expended, the Special Fund shall be closed and shall cease to exist. Finally, the requirements of City Code Section 2-369 shall not apply to grants made from the Special Fund, but all other applicable requirements, including, but not limited to, the requirements of City Code Section 2-368 and the City Council guidelines regarding grants, shall apply to grants made from the Special Fund.

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