

February 16, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200388

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Appropriation Adjustments for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 0235-2020, which established COVID-19 Fund 473 for receipt of funds from various sources earmarked to reimburse expenses related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic other than resources from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); **AUTHORIZING** an appropriation reduction in the amount of \$7,178,998 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of reducing the appropriation by the amount allocated for Emergency Rental Assistance 2 funding to instead reflect these funds as an appropriation to COVID-19 Fund 473 based upon guidance promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury; and **AUTHORIZING** an appropriation in the amount of \$7,178,998 to the City Manager’s Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7400 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of, or resources for, certain non-personnel expenditures for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 program based upon guidance promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury.

COVID-19 Fund 473 was established by Ordinance No. 0235-2020 for the receipt of funds from various sources earmarked to reimburse expenses related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic other than the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This Emergency Ordinance would amend the purpose of COVID-19 Fund 473 in order to expand the use of the fund to include expenses for the purpose of providing reimbursement of, or resources for, certain non-personnel expenditures for Emergency Rental Assistance programs.

The City received funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) program which those funds were appropriated to American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2.”

Subsequent guidance promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury and the Ohio Auditor of State determined that these funds should be appropriated to COVID-19 Fund 473 instead of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469. This Emergency Ordinance authorizes an appropriation reduction for Fund 469 and a corresponding appropriation increase for Fund 469 for the ERA2 program in order to comply with the guidance but does not affect the amount of funds received or make any additional funds available for another use.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with guidance promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment