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## City of Bellbrook

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#### **A Resolution to Find that Expenditures of the City of Bellbrook, Related to COVID-19, are Considered Eligible According to Mandates Outlined in House Bills 481 and 614.**

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136 (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” in H.B. 481 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (H.B. 481) and subsequent amendments in H.B. 614; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 481 required political subdivisions receiving funds under Section 1 of the CARES Act to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended to only cover costs of the political subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 801(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2020 this Council adopted Resolution number 2020-M and affirmed that all funds received from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund pursuant to H.B. 481 be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirement of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 801 (formerly U.S.C. 601), and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- (2) Were not accounted for in the City of Bellbrook’s most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020;
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

#### **Now, Therefore, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Resolves That:**

Section 1. Under Guidance for State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Governments released by U.S. Department of the Treasury on September 2, 2020 and the Ohio Office of Budget and Management provide guidance for allowable costs necessary to take direct action in response to the COVID-19 public emergency as follows:

- (1) Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) can be used to reimburse expenses already incurred on or after March 1, 2020,

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- (2) Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) can be used for (including but not limited to) the following categories for expenses
- a. Administrative Expenses to include expenses directly related for the administration of funds such as audit costs or personnel hired to manage the administration of the funds. It could also include “in-house” personnel costs, as well as “in-house” service and supply related costs.
  - b. Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions for costs directly related to teleworking for public employees to include electronic devices such as laptop computers and integrally related items that enable public employees to telework. As well as other costs necessary to function remotely; meeting platforms such as Zoom, cybersecurity enhancements and increased capacity costs.
  - c. Payroll for public Health and Safety Employees. This includes all public health and public safety employees’ personnel costs whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  - d. Personal Protective Equipment is specific to expenses for acquisition, distribution, and disposal of personal protective equipment in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency (i.e. gloves, gowns, masks, face shields, and similar clothing-type protective items.
  - e. Public Health Expense category is to be used for public health protective measures that include a variety of costs including but not limited to:
    1. Expenses related to social distancing, expenses for communication and enforcement by government for public orders related to COVID-19,
    2. Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, implementation of precautions to mitigate spread in public facilities such as touchless features on doors and in bathrooms,
    3. Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19,
    4. Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees who are directly infected/directly impacted to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA) and the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA),
    5. Expenses associated with compliance of stay at home orders for instances of COVID-19 in the workplace to include Administrative Leave provided to employees unable to telework that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
  - f. Unemployment Benefits to be used strictly for costs related to unemployment benefits related to COVID-19.
  - g. Worker’s Compensation to be used strictly for costs for worker’s compensation related to COVID-19.

Section 2. Based on U.S. Department of Treasury and the Ohio Office of Budget and Management guidance, this Council finds that the City of Bellbrook is appropriately encumbering and expending funds dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency based on categories including: Administrative Expenses, Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Employees,

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Payroll for Public Health and Safety Employees, Personal Protective Equipment, Public Health Expenses, Unemployment Benefits and Worker's Compensation.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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Michael W. Schweller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council