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Council Bill No. B 288-20

AN ORDINANCE

authorizing the City Manager to apply to state and federal agencies for coronavirus emergency funding; ratifying grant applications and agreements; authorizing the City Manager and City Counselor to execute certifications and assurances; authorizing the City Manager to execute grant agreements; authorizing electronic filings; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a highly infectious and dangerous disease that on March 11, 2020 was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there have been declarations of emergency enacted by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act (Pub.L. 116–136), which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and provides more than \$2 trillion in economic relief, and the State of Missouri received funds pursuant to Title VI of the Social Security Act, as added by §5001 of the CARES Act; the U.S. Congress has also passed other appropriations for purposes of providing additional funds to alleviate the public health emergency and the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency including, but not limited to the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-123, 134 Stat. 146; Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Pub. L. No. 116-127, 134 Stat. 178 (2020); and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Pub. L. No. 116-139, 134 Stat. 620 (2020); and Congress may adopt additional legislation to provide additional economic relief (collectively “Coronavirus Emergency Funding”); and

WHEREAS, these actions reflect the federal government’s commitment to the public purposes of protecting the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19, in part, by providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserving jobs for American industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply to federal and state agencies and departments on behalf of the City of Columbia, for coronavirus emergency funding.

SECTION 2. Approval of prior coronavirus emergency funding grant applications and agreements that were authorized by the City pursuant to the City Manager's emergency powers are hereby ratified.

SECTION 3. The City Manager and the City Counselor are authorized to execute and file with state and federal agencies the required certifications and assurances and any other documents required by the federal and state governments for coronavirus emergency funding.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to execute coronavirus emergency funding grant agreements with federal and state agencies, on behalf of the City of Columbia, for aid in financing the City's response to COVID-19 and in alleviating the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The City Manager is further authorized to execute supplemental grant agreements that may become available as a result of the state and federal action related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 5. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to review and submit electronically to federal and state agencies coronavirus emergency funding grant applications, quarterly reports, and any other required information.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor