

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, ADOPTING THE SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PACKAGE GUIDELINES SETTING FORTH CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA, AND FOUR FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR WHICH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUED FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS OR FEDERAL FUNDING PROVIDED FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES MAY BE ALLOCATED.

- § 1. WHEREAS, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first detected in China in the winter of 2019/2020 and has now been detected across the world and especially in the United States; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 a national emergency and ordered each state to set up emergency operations centers and ordered hospitals to activate their emergency preparedness plans; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma first declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of Oklahoma and the public’s peace, health and safety, which was amended numerous times, including an amendment that ordered the closure of non-essential businesses during the month of April; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, local orders limiting gatherings and later closing non-essential businesses and restricting the operations of essential businesses were implemented to control the spread of COVID-19 in Norman; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, because of the pandemic and resulting business impacts, local residents and businesses have faced unprecedented economic challenges; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance O-1920-64 on June 9, 2020, setting an election for August 25, 2020, to request voter approval of, among other things, the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$5 million to address economic and community development needs in Norman, with particular emphasis on marginalized communities, and job retention and creation programs, to be expended pursuant to guidelines to be adopted by City Council; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the City’s Economic Development Advisory Board began developing the guidelines contemplated by the proposition set forth in Ordinance O-1920-64 and has presented said guidelines to Council on two occasions; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, Council desires to adopt such guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN:

§ 10. That, Council hereby adopts the Small Business Relief Package Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of August, 2020.

Breea Clark, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Brenda Hall, City Clerk