

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
MARYLAND**

**UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
2020-02 COVID-19 PANDEMIC FUND**

An uncodified Ordinance whereby the City of Hyattsville establishes a special revenue fund known as the Covid-19 Pandemic Fund and transfers one million dollars from unencumbered funds in the General Fund to reduce the impact of economic hardships arising from the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) in the City of Hyattsville.

WHEREAS, an outbreak of disease caused by the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) occurred in Hubei province, China, in late 2019, and is currently a deadly pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, City of Hyattsville residents and business are suffering from economic hardships of various kinds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to ameliorate these economic hardships to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §C2-9 of the Charter the Mayor and Council have authority to enact emergency legislation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND, THAT the Mayor and Council hereby establish the Covid – 19 Pandemic Fund as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council direct the Treasurer to establish a special revenue fund to be referred to as the Covid-19 Pandemic Fund.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council appropriate and transfer one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the General Fund’s unencumbered balance to the Covid - 19 Pandemic Fund.

Section 3. Prior to the expenditure of funds from the Covid – 19 Pandemic Fund, specific criteria and guidelines for such expenditures must be established and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council.

Section 4. Upon the successful elimination of the Covid – 19 pandemic and with Mayor and Council approval, the Treasurer shall seek to close the Covid-19 Pandemic Fund and transfer any remaining funds back to the General Fund’s unencumbered balance via ordinance.

Section 5. The City Administrator, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all expenditures from the Covid – 19 Pandemic Fund are properly documented and shall seek reimbursement for said expenditures from federal and state authorities.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance is an Emergency Ordinance and shall be effective immediately upon enactment;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a fair summary of this ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and otherwise be made available to the public.

INTRODUCED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on **April 6, 2020**.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on **April 6, 2020**.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
Laura Reams, City Clerk

Candace B. Hollingsworth, Mayor

⊞ indicate deletions

Underline indicates additions

Asterisks * * * Indicate matter retained in existing law but omitted herein

Effective Date: April 6, 2020