

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-154**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A HOST VENUE AGREEMENT WITH WORLD TRIATHLON CORPORATION AND LAKE ERIE SHORES & ISLANDS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO HOSTING IRONMAN 70.3® OHIO TRIATHLON EVENTS FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, World Triathlon Corporation (WTC) and its subsidiaries own and operate IRONMAN 70.3® triathlon events and the City desires to have WTC conduct an IRONMAN 70.3® triathlon annually in and around the City of Sandusky during the years 2022, 2023, and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRONMAN 70.3® event draws 2,000 to 2,500 athletes plus thousands of spectators and the event includes a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run that will be held on July 24, 2022, July 23, 2023, and July 21, 2024, beginning and finishing at the Jackson Street Pier; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRONMAN 70.3® OHIO event will showcase the City's waterfront, including the Jackson Street Pier, Sandusky Bay Pathway, Shelby Street Boat Launch, and help support the many businesses through the City and Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will be providing an annually payment of \$25,000 for the events which will be paid with Recreation Funds and/or Capital Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to immediately execute the agreement and allow for the planning and registration for the event to begin as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Recreation Department, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to enter into a Host Venue Agreement with World Triathlon Corporation and Lake Erie Shores & Islands for services related to hosting IRONMAN 70.3® OHIO triathlon events for the Recreation Department to be held on July 24, 2022, July 23, 2023, and July 21,

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2024, substantially in the same form as reflected in Exhibit "1" which is attached to this Ordinance and specifically incorporated as if fully rewritten herein together with such revisions or additions as are approved by the Law Director as not being substantially adverse to the City and being consistent with the objectives and requirements of this Ordinance and with carrying out the City's public purposes.

Section 2. The City Manager and/or Finance Director is authorized and directed to expend funds to World Triathlon Corporation for the Ironman 70.3® OHIO Triathlon Events in the amount of \$25,000 per year for years 2022, 2023, and 2024 for a total amount **not to exceed** Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00).

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: October 25, 2021