

ORDINANCE NO. 23-104

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT THROUGH THE 2023 MARINE PATROL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Watercraft, with the approval of the Director of Natural Resources is authorized pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §1547.67 to expend funds for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions such as Sandusky for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining and operating a Marine Patrol Program; and

WHEREAS, this City Commission accepted a donation of a police boat, motors and a trailer from the Village of Kelleys Island, Ohio, to be used for the Police Department's marine patrol by Ordinance No. 22-120, passed on June 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the 2023 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant prior to the deadline of December 15, 2022, and was recently awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Marine Patrol Assistance Grant is to enforce Chapters 1547 and 1548 of the Ohio Revised Code and to provide emergency response to boating accidents on the water and funds can be utilized for the maintenance and operation of vessels, marine equipment, education materials, and personnel salaries; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the City's Marine Patrol is estimated at \$16,687.00 of which \$12,516.56 (75%) will be paid with grant funds through the 2023 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program and the City's required match of \$4,470.44 (25%) will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget; 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 grant agreement to participate in the 2023 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program and receive the awarded funds at the earliest opportunity; 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 Police 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:

PAGE 2 - ORDINANCE NO. 23-104

Section 1. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager and/or Finance Director to accept grant funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft, through the 2023 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program for the Police Department, in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 56/100 Dollars (\$12,516.56).

Section 2. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreement between the City of Sandusky and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in relation to the acceptance of the grant funds and to lawfully expend the funds consistent with the grant agreement.

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 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: May 8, 2023