

ORDINANCE NO. 23-230

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE ANNUAL DISCHARGE FEE FOR NPDES PERMIT NUMBER 2PF00001 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE CY 2023; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 3745.11(L) requires that an NPDES permit holder that is a public discharger pay a fee as specified in the statute based upon an average daily discharge flow and the City's flow and the corresponding fee is delineated on the notification received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the annual discharge fee for calendar year 2023 is \$15,550.00 and will be paid with Sewer Funds which have been appropriated in the budget for 2023; 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 make payment to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the annual discharge fee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the CY 2023 with funds budgeted for 2023; 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 Department of Public Works, 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. This City Commission hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Director to make payment to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in an amount **not to exceed** Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,550.00) for the annual discharge fee for NPDES Permit Number 2PF00001 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the CY 2023.

Section 2. 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

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provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. 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 4. 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: December 11, 2023