

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-256**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 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**, 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**, 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 estimated cost for the Marine Patrol in 2024 is \$30,000.00 and if awarded \$22,500.00 (75%) will be paid with grant funds through the 2024 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program and the City's required match of \$7,500.00 (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 submit the grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by the submission deadline of December 15, 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 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:**

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft, for participation in the 2024 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program

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for the Police Department.

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.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

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CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: December 11, 2023