

ORDINANCE NO. 24-018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DUMPING OF CLASS B BIOSOLIDS (A.K.A. SLUDGE CAKE) AND OTHER DEWATERED AND COMPRESSED SOLIDS FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) AT THE ERIE COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL FOR CY 2024; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment Plant generates biosolids called sludge cake along with other dewatered and compressed solid byproducts during daily operations that are disposed of at the Erie County Sanitary Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sanitary Landfill has flow control for all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), which sludge is considered, and therefore must be hauled to and disposed of at the Erie County Sanitary Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the sludge and other dewatered and compressed solid byproducts are removed from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and transported to the Erie County Sanitary Landfill by CDL-licensed City staff using City vehicles which is an approved process by the Ohio EPA and the combined disposal costs for these materials in 2023 were approximately \$133,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of disposal by the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Erie County Sanitary Landfill for CY 2024 is not to exceed \$156,800.00 and will be paid with Sewer 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 appropriate funds and continue uninterrupted disposal of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant; 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 authorizes and directs the City Manager and/or Finance Director to appropriate funds in an amount **not to exceed** One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$156,800.00) to make timely payments for the dumping of Class B Biosolids (a.k.a. sludge cake) and

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other dewatered and compressed solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Erie County Sanitary Landfill for the CY 2024.

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 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: January 22, 2024