

RESOLUTION NO. 004-24R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE H2OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE: CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Ohio EPA, through the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Program, is offering grants to Ohio municipalities, villages, townships, and counties to adopt best management practices that reduce salt and deicers contributing to runoff and promote chloride reduction in Ohio water resources; and

WHEREAS, chloride from deicers entering surface waters from roadways and stormwater runoff is an increasing water quality concern in Ohio and the increased chloride levels in rivers and lakes can be detrimental to freshwater aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, monitoring by Ohio EPA and other entities shows increased concentrations of chloride over time in soils along roadways and in rivers and lakes and these funds are offered to incentivize changes that can slow and prevent increased levels of chloride in Ohio's waterways; and

WHEREAS, in the early stages of inclement weather, City crews pretreat the Milan Road overpass, main corridors and underpasses with brine in an effort to decrease snow and ice accumulation, as well as salt usage, and the City desires to upgrade the current brine making system; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for a new brine making system is \$72,806.40 plus incidentals and City will be applying for grant funds in the amount of \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to file the application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency by the submission deadline of January 31, 2024; 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 **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file an application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the Ohio Environmental

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Protection Agency for financial assistance through the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative: Chloride Reduction Grant Program and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution 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 Resolution 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 Resolution 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