

**COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION
TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 04

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY WHEREBY THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY ESTABLISHES A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM THE PANDEMIC CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY.

Introduced By: The Cottage City Commission

WHEREAS, an outbreak of disease caused by the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) occurred in Hubei province, China, in late 2019, and is currently a deadly pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) enacted pursuant to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 5001, established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) and appropriated \$150 billion to provide payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act authorizes the use of the CRF to cover necessary expenditures incurred and directly related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a direct allocation from the CRF and in turn allocated \$15 million of said award to its 27 municipalities including \$83,000 granted to the Town of Cottage City pursuant to an agreement dated July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, Town of Cottage City residents continue to suffer from the economic hardships of various kinds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commission to further ameliorate these economic hardships to the extent possible and to supplement the CRF grant allocation received from the County with other funds available in the Town’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §18-1(23) of the Charter of the Town, the Cottage City Commission has authority to expend municipal funds for any public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION, that the Town of Cottage City shall hereby establish a COVID 19 Emergency Relief Fund as follows:

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SECTION 1. The Commission directs the Treasurer to establish a line item in the FY 20-21 budget to be referred to as the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund.

SECTION 2. The fund shall be funded by an appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund including from any fund balance contained therein.

SECTION 3. Prior to expenditure of the funds from the COVID-19 Emergency Relief fund, specific criteria and guidelines for such expenditures will be established and approved by the Cottage City Commission.

SECTION 4. The Town Manager, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all expenditures from the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund are properly documented.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that a fair summary of this ordinance shall be published at least once prior to the date of passage in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the city, and a fair summary of this ordinance shall be published at least once within ten days after the date of passage in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the city.

SECTION 5.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that the Commissioner-Chairman shall be authorized to sign this Ordinance on behalf of the Commission and this Ordinance shall remain uncodified.

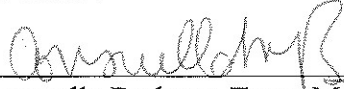
HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED AND HAVING BEEN READ as a regular ordinance and passed by a yea and nay vote of the Cottage City Commission with the affirmative votes of a majority of the whole number of members elected to the legislative body as indicated below at a Public Meeting of the Town of Cottage City held on this 11th day of November 2020, at approximately 7 o'clock p.m., in the Town Hall in Cottage City, Maryland.

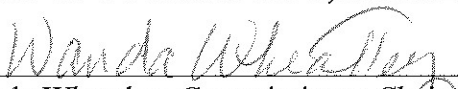
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Ordinance No. 2020-04 was passed by the required yea and nay votes of the Cottage City Commission on the 11th day of November 2020.

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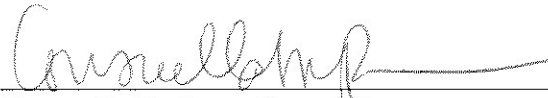
TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND


Consuella Barbour, Town Manager

By: 
Wanda Wheatley, Commissioner-Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 11th day of November 2020 with 4 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes, the aforesaid Ordinance 2020-04 passed.


Consuella Barbour, Town Manager

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