

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2020

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 121.08 REGARDING THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, St. Bernard passed Ordinance No. 16, 2013, codified as Section 121.08, which allowed Village officials to spend up to \$25,000.00 without requiring approval from Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code allows expenditures in a larger amount without requiring approval; and

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Council recognizes the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates flexibility and timeliness in the purchase and acquisition of items and services by the Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, or their designee, not only to maintain essential municipal operations but also to enable the Village to secure any funding or financing available to assist with such purchases, and believes the \$25,000.00 limit set under the Codified Ordinances needs to be raised to \$50,000.00 for purchases from the CRF CORONA 19 Care line item 20-01 to enable such flexibility.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of St. Bernard deems it necessary to continue limiting the expenditures of Village officials in order to better control the operating budget of the Village of St. Bernard; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Section 121.08 of the Village of St. Bernard Codified Ordinances which reads as follows:

All expenditures in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall require Council approval by ordinance.

shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) During the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Ohio arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, all expenditures up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the CRF CORONA 19 Care line item 20-01 will not require Council approval by Ordinance.

(b) Upon the termination of the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Ohio arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, all expenditures in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) shall require Council approval by Ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for the emergency is the immediate necessity for increase of expenditures amount to reflect increased cost and inflation. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately by and upon its passage, and the approval of two-thirds of the members of said Council. However, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date provided by law if approved by no more than the majority of the members of Council and in that event the emergency provisions herein are set at naught.

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Passed this 15 day of October, 2020.

Steve Asbach
President of Council

ATTEST:

M. Sue Kathman
Clerk of Council

Approved this 15 day of October, 2020.

[Signature]
Mayor

I, SUE KATHMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Ordinance No. 25, 2020, was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council; St. Bernard Square Bus Stop; Vine Street and Washington Avenue; Bertus Street Park; Greenlee Avenue and Johnson Alley; Park on Heger Drive; each for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing 10.15.2020, 2020.

ATTEST: M. Sue Kathman DATE 10.15.2020
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form [Signature] Date 10.15.2020
Director of Law