



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1985

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY'S ARPA COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021 AS DETAILED IN THE CITY OF LAUREL ARPA BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA directs the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to each State for distribution to Non-Entitlement Units of local government within the State; and

WHEREAS, the funds are intended to support COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control; replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses impacted by the pandemic; and, address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations; and

WHEREAS, in May 2021, Mayor Moe directed the formation of the City of Laurel ARPA Committee as an internal working group comprised of Executive and Senior Management Staff, and including a Laurel City Councilmember Liaison, tasked with: (1) reviewing regulations related to the proper use of ARPA funds and to develop a program for the administration of such funds; and (2) preparing a Budget for review and approval by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the ARPA Committee prepared a phased plan outlining the general process for implementation of the City's ARPA funds program that was presented to the Laurel City Council at its meeting on July 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, the State of Maryland transferred the City's ARPA funds in the amount of \$12,626,593.04 to the City; and

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WHEREAS, the Administration and the ARPA Committee developed a City of Laurel ARPA Budget, as set forth in Attachment "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS, a briefing detailing the draft ARPA Budget was provided by the ARPA Committee to the Mayor and City Council at the City Council meeting on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend the ARPA funds no later than September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Administration will introduce an ordinance to the Laurel City Council to recognize ARPA Revenues and Expenditures for its approval via a budget amendment at the appropriate time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the City of Laurel ARPA Budget, as set forth in Attachment "A" hereto, be and hereby is approved and adopted.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that the Laurel City Council authorizes the Mayor and the City's ARPA Committee to administer the City of Laurel ARPA Budget by approving purchases, grants, and expenditures, as long as the amounts of said bids, purchases, grants and expenditures are within the scope and limitations of the categories of spending previously approved by the City Council, as contained within the approved Budget. The Administration will report to the City Council periodically to demonstrate that the funding has been spent pursuant to the Budget approved by the Council.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

ADOPTED this _____ day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

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KIMBERLEY A. RAU, MMC
Clerk to the City Council

VALERIE M.A. NICHOLAS
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

CRAIG A. MOE
Mayor

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