

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCE CPO 2022-145
ORDINANCE NO. _____
AS AMENDED _____
CERTIFICATION DATE _____
FAVORABLY _____
UNFAVORABLY _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9446 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND OTHERS

WHEREAS, an ordinance approving the initial components of an ARPA Spending Plan was passed on October 25, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, said Plan may be amended as need; and,

WHEREAS, the Gary Common Council previously approved the following:

For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency \$10,150,493.00

To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers \$5,000,000.00

For payroll and covered benefits expenses for public safety, to the extent that their services are devoted to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency \$18,000,000.00, among other approvals; and,

WHEREAS, certain additional items should be added to the Spending Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the ARPA allows a municipality to respond to the impacted households by providing programs to provide long-term housing assistance, as well as cash assistance to those that qualify; and,

WHEREAS the city of Gary recognizes the role and importance that first responders have in the city and seeks to promote residency in the city of Gary for our first responders, and

WHEREAS, the city of Gary seeks to support home ownership to make Gary, Indiana stable for years to come; and,

WHEREAS, the city's support will consist of grants up to \$7,000 for one-hundred fifty people, with priority given to first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana as follows:

SECTION 1. That the following item at the indicated amount is hereby approved as a part of the ARPA Spending Plan:

\$1,050,000 (One Million, Fifty Thousand Dollars) to provide down payment assistance for qualified individuals purchasing homes in the city of Gary.

SECTION 2. That expenditure of the above referenced amount is subject to appropriation by the Common Council of the City of Gary.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, this ___ day of _____, 2022.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval and signature this ___ day of _____ 2022.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED and **SIGNED** by me this _____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR, CITY OF GARY, INDIANA

PREPARED BY: Angela Lockett, Corporation Counsel

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Jerome Prince
Mileak Harper, City Controller

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT _____ Reported-out/Date _____
1st Reading/Date _____ Committee Hearing/Date _____
2nd Reading/Date _____ Public Hearing/Date _____

3rd Reading/Date _____ Final Reading/Date _____
Passed/Date _____ Defeated/Date _____ Deferred/Date _____
Tabled/Date _____ Override/Date _____ Adopted Date _____
Publications/Date _____ Community Hearing/Date _____ Veto _____ Pocket
Veto _____ Adopted _____