

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ADJUST THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY UTILIZED FOR THE CELEBRATE KENT! AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM (NGP) TO SUPPORT MULTI-CULTURAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE AWARENESS, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department is recommending to adjust the micro-grants for funding assistance to include diversity focused project, initiatives, and events; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department anticipates that larger community events focusing on promoting diversity will receive grant support through Celebrate Kent! Grant program and smaller projects and initiatives highlighting diversity that are \$250 or less can be supported through the NGP; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department is recommending the term diversity be applied broadly to include a myriad of focus areas, including but not limited to ethnicity, gender, disability, race, socio-economic status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, culture, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to adjust the application requirements for funding assistance currently utilized for the Celebrate Kent! and the Neighborhood Grant Program (NGP) to include diversity focused projects, initiatives and events.

**SECTION 2.** it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: April 20, 2022  
Date


EFFECTIVE: April 20, 2022  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala  
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Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2022-022, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April 20, 2022.

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL