

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 023

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO APPLY FOR A COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES TO FUND ONE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Police Department has applied for a COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant through the United States Department of Justice Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHP offers communities the ability to apply for funding to hire new police officers for the purpose of community policing initiatives including school resource officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Police Department would like to hire one additional school resource officer; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a 25% local match requirement with a cap of \$125,000 over a three (3) year period and the Kent City Schools agree to pay a portion of the remaining salary and benefits package.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant to hire an additional resource officer, execution of the subsequent agreement, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

**SECTION 3.** That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4.** That 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 5.** That 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 19, 2023  
Date

EFFECTIVE: April 19, 2023  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens, CMC  
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
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. 2023-023, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April 19, 2023.

(SEAL)

  
AMY WILKENS, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL