## ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 038

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT ANY GRANT AWARD FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) FOUNDATION NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") Foundation was created to help communities and nonprofit organizations with an alternative grant funding resource for projects that may not qualify for grant funding through more traditional grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio is requesting the submission of a proposal to the NOPEC Foundation for the development and implementation of a feasibility study that can be used to gather qualitative and quantitative data; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to accept the funds, not to exceed \$40,000, if awarded.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept any grant award from the NOPEC Foundation, not to exceed \$40,000, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award into the proper fund.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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:

EFFECTIVE:

Date

Jack Amrhein President Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Amy Wilkens, CMC Clerk 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 

(SEAL)

Amy Wilkens, CM

Clerk of Council