

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM (RLF) TO ESTABLISH A FIXED INTEREST RATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Program (RLF) provides gap financing of up to 30% of a business's total project cost for a variety of activities including facility expansion, renovation and the acquisition of real property and machinery/equipment; and

WHEREAS, the interest rate for the current year is an adjustable interest rate set at 75% of the current prime rate; and

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the economy have resulted in the prime rate in 2023-2024 averaging between 5.5%-6% and is less than favorable for any business considering a loan; and

WHEREAS, the RLF Committee met on January 23, 2024 and voted unanimously to amend the program to establish a fixed interest rate of 3%.

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

SECTION 1. That Council of the City of Kent does hereby authorize amending the City's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Program to establish a fixed interest rate of 3% for business's seeking loan assistance through the program.

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: March 20, 2024
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: March 20, 2024
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
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 OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2024025, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON March 20, 2024.

(SEAL)


AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL