

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-086

To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$624,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Public Safety Employee COVID-19 Hazard Bonuses line item, and \$753,888.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Employee COVID-19 Bonuses line item, and (ii) appropriate \$624,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Ambulance Authority line item, \$175,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Public Defenders' Office Supplement Salaries line item, \$125,775.00 to the Circuit Court agency, \$203,175.00 to the Judiciary - Commonwealth Attorney agency, \$246,713.00 to the Richmond Sheriff's Office agency, and \$3,225.00 to the City Treasurer agency, all for the purpose of providing for bonuses to certain employees of the Richmond Ambulance Authority, the Public Defender, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff, and the Treasurer.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 28 2022 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, is hereby amended by:

(a) Transferring:

AYES:            7            NOES:            0            ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:    MAR 28 2022    REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) \$624,000.00 from the Public Safety Employee COVID-19 Hazard Bonuses line item in the Non-Departmental agency; and

(2) \$753,888.00 from the Employee COVID-19 Bonuses line item in the Non-Departmental agency; and

(b) Appropriating these transferred funds to the following agencies and line items in the following amounts:

(1) \$624,000.00 to the Richmond Ambulance Authority line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of providing bonuses of \$3,000.00 to full-time Authority employees and \$1,500.00 to part-time Authority employees;

(2) \$175,000.00 to the Richmond Public Defenders' Office Supplement Salaries line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of providing bonuses to employees in the office of the Public Defender for the City of Richmond, Virginia;

(3) \$125,775.00 to the Circuit Court agency with the intent of providing 40 bonuses in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia;

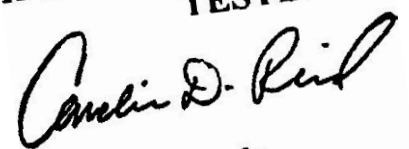
(4) \$203,175.00 to the Judiciary - Commonwealth Attorney agency with the intent of providing 63 bonuses in the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney of the City of Richmond, Virginia;

(5) \$246,713.00 to the Richmond Sheriff's Office agency with the intent of providing 82 bonuses to employees in the office of the Sheriff of the City of Richmond, Virginia; and

(6) \$3,225.00 to the City Treasurer agency with the intent of providing one bonus in the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Richmond, Virginia.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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**City Clerk**

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## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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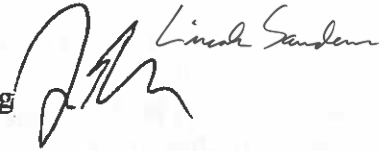
**DATE:** February 25, 2022 **EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor



**THROUGH:** J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer



**FROM:** Jason P. May Director of Budget & Strategic Planning

**RE:** COVID-19 Bonuses

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To amend ordinance number 2021-040 which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budgets by appropriating \$624,000 from the Non-Departmental Cost Center First Responders Hazard Pay for use in providing First Responder Hazard Pay Bonuses of \$3,000 for all Full Time Employees and \$1,500 for all Part Time Employees of Richmond Ambulance Authority.

To amend ordinance 2022-0029 which appropriated \$8,900,000 of additional revenues from Real Estate Assessment increases and appropriate \$125,775 for 40 bonuses in the Circuit Court, \$203,175 for 63 bonuses in the Commonwealth Attorney Office, \$246,713 for 82 bonuses in the Sheriff's Office, and \$3,225 for one bonus in the City Treasurer's Office. Additionally, \$175,000 will be appropriated for bonuses in the Public Defender's Office. The total appropriations for this purpose will be \$753,888.

**REASON:** On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. The ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package designed to facilitate the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$1.9 trillion, \$350 billion has been allocated to aid states, cities, tribal governments, and U.S. territories in their recovery efforts. The \$350 million in State & Local Recovery Funds, an amount of approximately \$155 million has been allocated to the City.

At the close of the first quarter, the Office of the City Assessor closed the assessment roll values for Citywide assessed Real Estate valuation for taxable real property. The real estate market in the City of Richmond has been performing at a robust pace. As such, the values for taxable real property are showing in excess of budgeted amounts. The certified additional revenue will be used to support and increase the appropriation for the Department of Economic Development by providing the Department of Economic Development with funding related to loans for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES); to increase the appropriation for Non-Departmental into a new line titled "Employee COVID-19 Bonuses" to provide eligible employees with a bonus, and to amend the pay ordinance for the purpose of providing a one-time COVID

bonus to eligible general fund City employees who were permanently employed in the classified and unclassified service as of March 1st, 2022.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. The ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package designed to facilitate the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$1.9 trillion, \$350 billion has been allocated to aid states, cities, tribal governments, and U.S. territories in their recovery efforts.

In May 2021, the Treasury Department released its Interim Final Guidance on the State and Local Government funding from the ARPA to provide guidance on the eligible uses. This funding is to aid localities in their recovery efforts over a four year period. The funding can be used within four area: (i) public health and economic impacts; (ii) premium pay; (iii) revenue loss; and (iv) investments in infrastructure.

The ARPA Spending Plan consists of six priority area categories, which are: (i) Building Back Affordable and Healthy Homes; (ii) Building Back Healthier; (iii) Investing in our Future – Children and Families; (iv) Building Back Stronger; (v) Building Back Greener and more Resilient; (vi) Building Back Safer. The details under each of these priority area categories can be found attached titled ARPA Spending Plan by Priority Area.

This ordinance is to appropriate funding placed into the Non-Departmental Cost Center for providing Public Safety Bonuses for First Responders within the Richmond Ambulance Authority. Permanent employees are to be awarded a one-time bonus of \$3,000 for full-time employees, and \$1,500 for part-time employees.

\$846,000 will be appropriated to Non-Departmental in the line item titled "Employee COVID-19 Bonuses." Permanent classified and unclassified Constitutional and Public Defender Office employees are to be awarded a one-time bonus of \$3,000 for full-time employees, and \$1,500 for part-time employees in the March 4, 2021 pay.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Administration recommends adoption.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:**

- **If Adopted:** The City will be able to utilize \$624,000 funding to provide COVID-19 bonuses for RAA First Responders and \$846,000 for Constitutional and Public Defender employees.
- **If Not Adopted:** The spending authority for these bonuses will not be provided.

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**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$624,000 will be expended from ARPA spend plan for COVID-19 Bonuses. \$846,000 of Real Estate Assessment surplus will be expended for Covid-19 Bonuses.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** Yes

**REVENUE TO CITY:** None

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 28, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** March 14, 2022

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** N/A

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Budget and Strategic Planning, and Non-Departmental.

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** 2021-040

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF:** Jason May