

ORDINANCE NO.: 95 -2022
INTRODUCED BY: Ursu

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED
AS THE "ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND".

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has reached an \$808 million memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the three largest distributors of opioids and has developed the OneOhio plan, a mechanism to ensure that any money from a negotiated settlement is distributed fairly to the communities hit hardest by the opioid crisis;

WHEREAS, under the OneOhio plan the state of Ohio has begun to distribute the settlement funds to Ohio communities (Opioid Settlement Funds), including the City of Richmond Heights;

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5705.09(F) of the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Richmond Heights, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, shall establish a special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose;

WHEREAS, said Opioid Settlement Funds are required by the OneOhio plan to be used for the "Approved Purposes" set forth in the MOU for evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorders, (ii) develop, promote and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, (iii) provide substance use avoidance and awareness education, (iv) decrease the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids, and (v) support recovery from addiction services performed by qualified and appropriately licensed Providers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the OneOhio plan and Ohio Revised Code §5705.09(F), there is a need to create a special fund to be designated as the "OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund" within which to deposit monies received from the state of Ohio under the OneOhio plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio; that:

Section 1. Council hereby establishes a special fund designated as the "OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund," pursuant to the requirements of the OneOhio plan and the provisions of §5705.09(F) of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purposes set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance.

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

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: August 9, 2022

APPROVED: August 9, 2022

ATTEST: Betsy Traben
Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

Kim A. Thomas
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

Bobby Jordan
Bobby Jordan
President of Council