

**ORDINANCE 2020 - 43**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO  
A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MASONDEERFIELD  
CHAMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in order to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, and to improve the economic welfare of the people of Mason, it has been determined to be in the public interest and a proper public purpose for Mason to engage in certain economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is critical to assist the business recovery of the City of Mason small business community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to establish a program with the Mason Deerfield Community Development Corporation (the "CDC") to help implement a gift card program similar to the one adopted by the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide such assistance, Council hereby declares it to be a proper public purpose to provide funds to supplement Mason's current gift card program to assist Mason small businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including entering into a service agreement with the CDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a service agreement with the CDC to act as Mason's agent to purchase gift cards from Mason small businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the total amount of \$160,000.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, Community Development an amount of \$160,000 to be paid for gift cards purchased by the CDC to promote a business recovery program for City of Mason small businesses.

Section 3. The service agreement between the City and CDC shall provide that all gift cards purchased by the CDC shall be delivered to Mason within a reasonable period of time after purchase.

Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to authorize the funding at the earliest possible date in order to immediately begin the business recovery efforts needed as a result of the COVID-19

pandemic.

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

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