

**THE TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-3, WHICH ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE BUDGET BY ADDING \$36,230 TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY MICRO-GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES, FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has interrupted business as usual by way of Stay-a-home orders, restrictions for essential businesses and closures for non-essential business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are feeling the effects of loss of income and are struggling to keep up with operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that financial assistance from the State and Federal Government has been slow in arriving to help small business with immediate expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council wish to provide emergency financial aid to small businesses within the incorporated town limits to assist with some immediate needs; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Micro-grant program has been proposed by the Economic Development Department and Commission; and

WHEREAS, the grant program will provide a total \$50,000 to small businesses using \$13,770 that is unspent in the Economic Development line item along with this budget amendment to provide the remainder of funding; and

WHEREAS, the program will be explained in detail by the Economic Development Department and Commission, and;

WHEREAS, upon reviewing the grant program the Town Council wishes to provide funding for the grants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Mount Airy Adopted Ordinance 2019-3 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the Town of Mount Airy on May 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Ordinance 2019-3 as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Mount Airy Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 be, and hereby is, amended to add \$36,230 to the General Fund Operating Budget, Economic Development line item, for COVID-19 Emergency Micro-grants to small businesses within the incorporated limits of the Town of Mount Airy with funding coming from the General Fund Operating Savings Account; and that all other provisions of Ordinance 2019-3 shall remain unchanged and as is.

Upon the affirmative vote of four members of the Council, the provisions of C2-13(B) of the Charter of the Town of Mount Airy are hereby suspended and this measure is declared to be an emergency measure effective upon approval.

INTRODUCED: This 4th day of May 2020

ADOPTED: This ___ day of _____ 2020 by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President of the Council

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Secretary

Patrick T. Rockinberg, Mayor

Reviewed and Approved as to legal sufficiency
This ___ day of _____, 2020

Thomas Mc Carron, Town Attorney
