

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A NON-PROFIT TO DISBURSE THE FUNDING APPROVED FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE ONE-MILE RADIUS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THE WINSTON WEAVER FERTILIZER PLANT FIRE AND APPROVING THE DISBURSEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Winston Weaver Fertilizer Plant (“Plant”) caught on fire on Monday, January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, because of said fire, city residents within a one-mile radius of the Plant were strongly encouraged to evacuate the area; and

WHEREAS, many city residents in the area fall within the low to moderate income level within the meaning of G.S. 160D-1311; and

WHEREAS, many city residents had to spend funds dedicated to rent and other purposes for temporary living arrangements, food, and other items until they were able to return home; and

WHEREAS, many of those residents are in need of financial relief due to the expenditures incurred because of the Plant fire; and

WHEREAS, at least one local non-profit entity is working to provide some relief to city residents impacted by the fire; however, there are still some unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, the Councilmember of the North Ward, where the fire occurred, has requested \$1 million dollars to assist city residents within the one-mile radius of the Plant fire; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to contract with a non-profit entity to disburse the funding if approved within the target area based on need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that the City Manager is hereby authorized to select and execute a contract, approved as to form and legality by the city attorney, with local non-profit entity to administer and disburse the funds approved by the attached budget ordinance amendment to city residents within the target area including city residents that lost wages, due to their employer's compliance with the voluntary evacuation request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby approve the attached "Policy for Disbursement of City Funds to low-and-moderate income persons impacted by Catastrophic Events where Evacuation has been strongly encouraged or mandated by the City"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds that are unspent shall be returned to the General Fund.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.