

ORDINANCE NO. 179-23

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FIRST RESPONDER RETENTION INCENTIVES GRANT NO. DPSFE270 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$408,000.00 FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is providing public safety departments with grant funds aimed at bolstering morale and retention of first responders within the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parma Fire Department has been granted \$408,000.00 in funds to provide additional retention incentives to Parma firefighters to avoid vacancies and the protracted and difficult process of firefighter replacement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into the Grant Agreement through the Ohio Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Agency, with a copy of said Agreement attached in substantially similar form as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. That the Safety Director is authorized to execute said Agreement and to take such action and to execute such other documents and amendments, thereto as may be necessary and as are approved by the Law Director.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this 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 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to provide additional retention incentives to Parma firefighters to avoid vacancies and the protracted and difficult process of firefighter replacement, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO