

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 07**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RELIEF FUND  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERU RESIDENTS  
AFFECTED BY THE IMPACT OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peru (hereinafter “City”), is a home rule unit of government and pursuant to Article 7, Section 6(a), of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) emerged; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 virus a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois cancelled all public and private gatherings of 1,000 or more people throughout the State of Illinois for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and ordered all public and private K-12 schools in Illinois

to close through March 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois ordered all businesses in the State of Illinois to suspend service of food or beverages for on-premises consumption, and further prohibited all public and private gatherings of 50 or more people throughout the State of Illinois for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the LaSalle County Health Department announced the first case of a LaSalle County resident testing positive for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a stay at home order (Executive Order 2020-10) effective Mach 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm for the remainder of the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that it is expected to spread; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, multiple state and federal agencies recommend mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms, keeping away from others who are sick, and avoiding unnecessary travel or contact with others; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, a significant impact on the local economy by limiting the services that may be offered by certain City businesses or causing their temporary closure, resulting in layoffs and financial hardship to City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of reducing the economic impact of COVID-19 and protecting the welfare of City residents, the City Council deems it advisable to establish a “COVID-19 Relief Fund” whereby the City may accept donations, services, gifts, grants, loans, equipment, supplies,

and/or other things of value from private, nonprofit, or governmental sources, which the City may then direct and provide to local non-profits engaged in providing financial relief and assistance to City residents impacted by COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1: Recitals.** The City Council hereby find as facts the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution, and hereby incorporates them herein by reference.

**SECTION 2: COVID-19 Relief Fund Established.** The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Finance Officer and City Treasurer to establish a “COVID-19 Relief Fund” for the benefit of City Residents. The Mayor and City Clerk, or their designees, are hereby authorized and directed to accept, on behalf of the City, any donations, services, gifts, grants, loans, equipment, supplies, and/or other things of value from private, nonprofit, or governmental sources and deposit them in the COVID-19 Relief Fund. The City Finance Officer or his designee, upon the advice and recommendation of the Mayor, shall direct and transfer such funds and things of value deposited in the COVID-19 Relief Fund to local non-profits engaged in providing financial relief and assistance to City of Peru residents impacted by COVID-19.

**SECTION 3: Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage and approval.

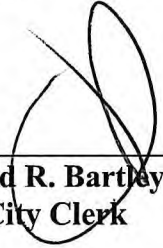
**PRESENTED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Peru, Illinois, by an aye and nay roll call vote, with 8 voting aye, 0 voting nay, 0 absent, and Mayor Harl not voting \_\_\_\_\_, which meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

APPROVED: March 22, 2020

  
Scott J. Harl, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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David R. Bartley  
City Clerk

<u>Aldermen</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ferrari	X		
Waldorf	X		
Lukosus	X		
Radtke	X		
Sapienza	X		
Payton	X		
Ballard	X		
Buffo	X		