

SPONSOR: Scott Rakos
6th District Councilman
Barry Tyler
3rd District Council

ORDINANCE NO. 9462 **20-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194, 9252, 9359, 9375 ALSO KNOWN AS SECTION 36.005 (B) (1) OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE, AS IT PERTAINS TO APPROVED USES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, Ordinances 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194, 9252, 9359, and 9375 also known as Section 36.005(B)(1) of the Hammond Municipal Code pertains to the expenditure, use and distribution of Hammond's revenue from riverboat gambling; and

WHEREAS, Section 36.005 (B) (1) of the Hammond Municipal Code allows sixty percent (60%) of the gaming funds to be used for public safety, which includes appropriations to Hammond Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, One of the many distinguishing characteristics and sources of pride in the City of Hammond is to have is a professional fire department with all 155 fire personnel trained and qualified as either paramedics or EMTs.

WHEREAS, That this training allows those in need to be ensured that its first responders are properly trained and available to give emergent life-saving treatment as needed before transporting a person to the hospital;

WHEREAS, Due to age and longevity, many Hammond Fire Personnel will be retiring from service and replacements are needed for the service and protection of Hammond and its residents; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City of Hammond and its residents to encourage Hammond youths to remain in the community as Hammond Firefighters;

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and

WHEREAS, many Hammond residents, through no fault of their own, while otherwise eligible and qualified, are unable to afford the cost of the required EMT school, turn out gear, uniforms, and the medical testing (including blood work, a physical, and psychological testing) required to apply with the Hammond Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and the Common Council to remove financial barriers that prevent otherwise qualified youths from applying to become a Hammond Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hammond wishes to create a program entitled Medic Bound to sponsor Hammond residents to attend EMT training school, turn out gear, uniforms, and acquire the necessary medical testing required by the Hammond Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Such a program would be offered to eligible Hammond residents who have documentation of residency for three years prior to application, and who remain Hammond residents and employed by the City of Hammond for three years following being sworn as a Hammond Firefighter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that Ordinances 7685, 8200, 8564, 8630, 8645, 8718, 8754, 8755, 8854, 8930, 9017, 9061, 9194, 9252, 9359, and 9375 also known as Section 36.005 (B)

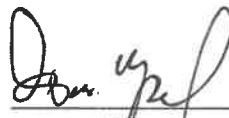
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(1) of the Hammond Municipal Code, which pertains to the expenditure, use and distribution of Hammond's revenue from riverboat gambling is amended to add subsection (j) related to public safety expenditures as follows:

(j) Medic Bound: in the interest of public safety, qualifying Hammond residents will be provided with up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for purposes of attending EMT school and training, turn out gear, uniforms as well as to pay for any and all required medical and psychological testing required to apply to become a Hammond Firefighter provided such sponsored persons remain residents of the City of Hammond and employed by the City of Hammond for three (3) years following EMT school graduation.

NOW BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that herein ordinance shall have full force and effect from and after passage, approval by the Council, signing by the President thereof and approval and signing of the Mayor.

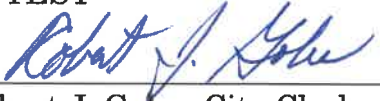
ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 24th day of February, 2020.



David Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council

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ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 25th day of February, 2020.



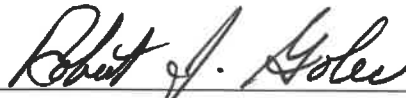
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The foregoing Ordinance No. 9462 consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 25th day of February, 2020.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 24th day of February, 2020, and Approved by the Mayor on the 25th day of February, 2020.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
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