

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, May 3, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11143-2020, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROOK PARK HOME MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (HMAP), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt – PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO: 11250-2022

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ORCUTT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11143-2020, AUTHORIZING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROOK PARK HOME MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM (HMAP), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City Council appropriated \$50,000, from the Economic Development fund #243 in the 2022-2023 municipal budget to provide home maintenance assistance to Brook Park residents;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Home Maintenance Assistance Program (HMAP), the Council authorizes the Mayor to approve and the Finance Director to issue grants in order to implement the HMAP within the City;

WHEREAS, this Council desires to implement rules and regulations to facilitate the prompt and effective management of the HMAP program within the city;

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park encourages the development and maintenance of real property located within the City, and specifically within the City's LMI (low/moderate-income) and Target Improvement Area zones; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance from the City of Brook Park is necessary to permit residents to effectuate the remediation and repairs to their residential properties and to protect the community from blight and deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park, having the appropriate authority for the stated type of project, is desirous of providing its residents with assistance and incentives to protect their properties and to prevent the deterioration and decay of its residential neighborhoods consistent with the purposes of Section 13 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution to eradicate and mitigate blight within the City, and to improve the economic welfare of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Brook Park has investigated the request of the Mayor for authority to implement a HMAP program and concurs that the requested administrative authority will greatly assist homeowners and city officials to

remediate housing stock within the City, improve the living conditions of city residents and improve the economic climate of the City of Brook Park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any other codified ordinances the Mayor is authorized to approve, and the Finance Director is authorized to issue, Home Maintenance Assistance Program grants to residents of Brook Park in owner-occupied dwellings upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The City shall maintain complete records of all grants issued under the HMAP program;
2. All existing building code violations for the property in question shall be corrected as part of and as a condition precedent to the issuance of funds by the City under the HMAP program;
3. The City shall conduct due diligence of all HMAP grant applications to determine whether the applicant falls within the federal income assistance guidelines;
4. Brook Park residents in owner-occupied residential housing with documented income below federal income assistance guidelines shall be eligible for grant assistance up to \$5,000 in matching funds for documented repairs and improvements to owner-occupied residential exterior structures.
5. The use of funds shall be limited to exterior structural home and capital repairs limited to gutters, paint exteriors, roofs, windows, furnaces, driveways, and not for landscaping, or sidewalks of a premise.
 - A. Upon completion of the desired improvements and inspection, approval and certification of the improvements by the Commissioner of Building and Housing, the Director of Finance shall issue payment to the registered contractor performing the work.
 - B. The proposed project must meet all applicable codes and be approved in advance by the Building Commissioner.
 - C. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis until annually appropriated funds are exhausted.
 - D. During the term of the grant, applicants must occupy said premises.

SECTION 2: The money needed for the aforesaid grants shall be paid by the City from funds appropriated for the Home Maintenance Assistance Program upon the completion of the aforesaid remediation and repair activities and said funds shall be exclusively applied to the costs, expenses and fees arising from and/or incurred by the homeowner in furtherance of the aforesaid home maintenance and improvements.

SECTION 3: 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 this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason implement the HMAP for 2022-2023; provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

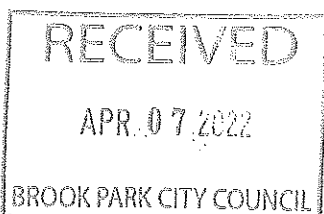
PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

DATE



I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CORRECTNESS



DIRECTOR OF LAW