

RESOLUTION NO. 36-22

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY AND RESCUE GRANT
BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING REVENUE
REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR POLICE AND FIRE SALARIES
AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the American rescue Plan Act (hereinafter “ARPA”) became law on March 11, 2021 and provides fiscal relief funds to state and local governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 and prescribes the uses of funding, including one to address lost revenue for cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury (hereinafter “Treasury”) has issued guidance and a Final Rule (hereinafter “FR”) regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the FR permits cities and towns to apply ARPA grant funds up to Ten-Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or the total amount of a city’s ARPA grant award, whichever is less, for governmental services and it expressly included “the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services” in a list of non-exclusive enumerated uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Camden hereby appropriates from the City’s portion of the American Rescue Plan Act Grant a total amount of One-Million, One-Hundred and Ten-Thousand, Five-Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$ 1,110,587.50) to claim police and fire salaries and employer payroll contribution expenses from the date range of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Said amount shall be moved from subaccount 11117 for the ARPA Grant funds to Line Item 51112 ARPA expenses.

SECTION 2. The City Council directs the Treasurer to move the expenditures for the police and fire salaries and applicable employer contributions from the City budget to the Rescue Grant and to pay the City general fund for the expenses from the Rescue Grant. A new non-departmental line item within the budget shall be created for the ARPA funds reimbursed to the general fund.

SECTION 3. The City’s 2021 annual operating budget for the fire department salaries and employer contributions is hereby amended by decreasing the expenditures in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), and the 2021 grant budget is hereby amended by increasing the budget in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), for the fire department salary expenses for the time period of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

SECTION 4. The City’s 2021 annual operating budget for the police department salaries and employer contributions is hereby amended by decreasing the expenditures in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), and the

2021 grant budget is hereby amended by increasing the budget in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), for the police department salary expenses for the time period of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

SECTION 5. On the mandatory Annual Report, these police and fire salaries and employer contribution expenses shall be reported under the Expenditure Category (EC) number 6.1 entitled Revenue Replacement.

SECTION 6. The City Council finds and determines that it is imperative to utilize the ARPA funds to offset the fiscal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk