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MUNICIPAL ORDER

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WHEREAS, by Executive Order 16-2020 on March 19, 2020, the Mayor of Hopkinsville declared a local state of emergency in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, global, national, state, and local health official data has since demonstrated that vaccinations are currently the most effective way to prevent serious complications including hospitalization and death of those who contract COVID-19; however, only 26% of Christian County residents have been vaccinated as of August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a new Delta strain of the virus is particularly contagious, and spread of that strain has resulted in a surge in COVID-19 cases in Hopkinsville and Christian County thereby increasing the local infection incidence rate to red status denoting high community viral spread; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hopkinsville agrees to partner with the Christian County Health Department and Jennie Stuart Health to develop, promote, and administer an incentive program aimed at fully vaccinating at least 1,000 additional individuals from September 13, 2021, until October 31, 2021, to reduce the local infection incidence rate and protect lives. Pennyriple Area Development District will also partner to support marketing, outreach, and advertising for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, Hopkinsville City Council hereby authorizes up to \$110,000 of American Rescue Plan Funds to implement this initiative. These funds would cover a \$100 payment to each of the first 1,000 newly fully vaccinated people with a Hopkinsville address and also make them eligible to win one of ten \$1,000 raffles.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.

ATTEST: _____

Christine M. Fletcher, MMC
City Clerk