

1 **CITY OF FIRCREST**  
2 **RESOLUTION NO. 1663**

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4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST,**  
5 **WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE COVID-19 RELATED BUSINESS**  
6 **AND TENANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 **WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2020, the Fircrest City Council declared a public health  
8 emergency in Fircrest arising from the COVID-19 outbreak; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy, on  
10 March 23, 2020, which prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes  
11 or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the  
12 number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from  
13 conducting business, within the limitations therein; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.3 on May 4, 2020, which  
15 established an initial four-phased approach to reopening Washington State; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.4 on May 31, 2020, which  
17 creates a transition from “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” to “Safe Start – Stay Healthy” on a  
18 County by County basis; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Pierce County is currently in Phase 2 of the phased reopening plan, and many  
20 businesses located in Fircrest are open only with a limited capacity and/or reduced  
21 operations; and

22 **WHEREAS**, disruptions to workers and small businesses are serious, as small businesses  
23 are the backbone of our economy, and provide the foundation of employment, services for  
24 the community, and revenue for cities and other public agencies to continue to provide  
25 essential services for the public welfare and benefit; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Fircrest City Council recognizes that one of its essential functions is to  
27 secure the health and welfare of Fircrest’s citizens; and

28 **WHEREAS**, resources are necessary to help small businesses survive and certain small  
29 businesses reasonably require public aid in order to survive; and

30 **WHEREAS**, business closures have resulted in significant job loss, making it difficult for  
many to pay their rent and other costs of living; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid,  
Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) which, among other things, amended  
Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act and established the Coronavirus Relief Fund  
(CRF), as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act, and appropriated \$150 billion to the

1 fund to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local  
2 governments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that necessary  
4 expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency include costs  
5 incurred to support local businesses that suffered losses due to COVID-19 business  
6 interruptions, or incurred costs for personal protective equipment or other materials,  
7 supplies, and equipment needed to safely operate following a COVID-19-related closure;  
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Washington State allocation of CRF resources has been designated to  
10 reimburse certain additional local governments in the state for specified expenditures  
11 through contracts administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City entered into an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State  
13 Department of Commerce for eligible COVID-19 related expenses from March 1, 2020,  
14 through October 31, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein. Now,  
15 Therefore

16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST:**

17 **Section 1.** The Recitals and referenced Exhibits are incorporated herein by this reference.

18 **Section 2.** The City of Fircrest, hereby, establishes the COVID-19 Related Business and  
19 Tenant Assistance Program to provide grant funds through the City's Agreement with the  
20 Department of Commerce for CARES Act Funds providing reimbursement to the City for  
21 COVID-19 related costs, which may include costs incurred to support local businesses that  
22 suffered losses due to COVID-19 required closures. Grant awards will be at the sole  
23 discretion of the City of Fircrest through an application process. Grant recipients shall only  
24 receive and use grant funds for Eligible Expenses incurred during the time period set forth  
25 in Section 3. A list of award eligibility and criteria, as well as eligible and ineligible  
26 expenses, are included in Exhibit A.

27 **Section 3.** All eligible expenses must be incurred between March 1, 2020, and October 1,  
28 2020. Any expenses incurred before or after this period are not eligible expenses for grant  
29 funds. Grant funds are limited. Grant applicants understand and acknowledge that not every  
30 applicant is guaranteed to receive a grant award.

**Section 4.** All funding for this program comes solely as reimbursement to the City from  
the State of Washington for COVID-19 related expenses. The City has no obligation to  
provide grant recipients or applicants with funds from this or any other source.

**Section 5.** The City of Fircrest and any grant recipient agree to be bound to the provisions  
of the Interagency Agreement between the City and the Washington State Department of  
Commerce, included as Exhibit B to this Agreement.

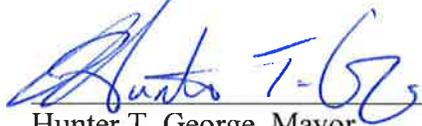
**Section 6.** Grant applicants acknowledge that Grant Funds shall not be awarded to cover  
payroll or other employee-related or business-associated costs for which they have received

1 other federal, state, or regional funds, including without limitation, funds made available  
2 under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) or unemployment insurance compensation.

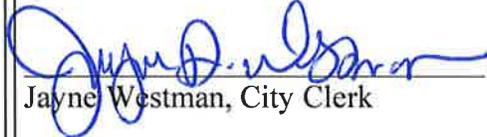
3 **Section 7.** Tenant assistance grants will be in the form of rental assistance only. Rental  
4 assistance grants will be paid directly to the recipients' landlord.

5 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
6 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

7 APPROVED:

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9 Hunter T. George, Mayor

10 ATTEST:

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12 Jayne Westman, City Clerk

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 Michael B. Smith, City Attorney