

**ORDINANCE NO. 2573**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA).

WHEREAS, firefighters are extremely vulnerable to injury and death when fighting structure fires or working in hazardous environments; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's current SCBA has reached its end of serviceable life in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1981 Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 42 CFR 84 Respiratory Protective Devices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department desires to remain compliant with generally accepted industry standards and protect its firefighting personnel from the elements of danger associated with interior firefighting by ensuring that their personal protective equipment is maintained at the highest standard; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has the need to replace ninety (90) sets of SCBA and one hundred four (104) additional personal face masks; and

WHEREAS, the SCBA replacement cost is \$740,000; and

WHEREAS, the FY2020 Fire Department budget does not contain an appropriation sufficient to cover the required expenses; and

WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter prohibits the City from entering into a contract that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the City Council; and

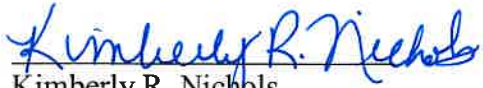
WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this grant must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

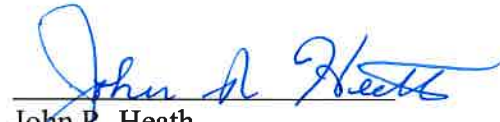
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND THAT THE City's Fiscal Year 2020 budget be amended as follows:

- 1) Increase the Current Year Surplus (01000-469810) by \$740,000
- 2) Increase the Fire Department's Expense - Equipment account (24035-577030) by \$740,000


THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, was finally passed by the Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols  
CITY CLERK

  
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John R. Heath  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of JAN, 2020

  
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Jacob R. Day, Mayor



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julia Glanz, City Administrator  
**From:** John W. Tull, Fire Chief  
**Subject:** Budget Amendment  
**Date:** November 13, 2019

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During the FY20 Capital Improvement Plan and Budget process, the Fire Department submitted a request to replace our existing ninety (90) sets of Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This request was made because the Fire Department's current SCBA has reached its end of serviceable life in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1981 *Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services* and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 42 CFR 84 *Respiratory Protective Devices*.

In addition to including this request in our budget, the Department attempted to secure funding through the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to cover the replacement cost. Regrettably, we have received official notification that our application was not selected to receive any award funds. As you are aware, the AFG Program is among the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) and FEMA's most competitive grant programs. In fact, FEMA received 8,439 AFG applications, requesting more than \$1.8 billion in federal assistance.

Please find attached a Budget Amendment Ordinance requesting the necessary funds to replace the Department's existing SCBA. Unless you or the Mayor have further questions, please forward a copy of this memo and ordinance to the City Council for their consideration.