

ORDINANCE NO. 2837

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WICOMICO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE WICOMICO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Health Department (WiCHD) has received funding from the Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, Inc., for a Safe Station Program that provides twenty-four hour services to those seeking treatment and recovery resources through the utilization of the Wicomico County Safe Station, which will be located at the Recovery Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Safe Station is an innovative program that helps remove barriers to treatment for members of our community who are eager to recover from a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Safe Station is to help people with linkage to treatment and recovery services by allowing them to practice self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Fire Department will provide non-emergent medical checks to all individuals that enter the Safe Station and, in exchange, WiCHD will pay the Salisbury Fire Department \$2,500 a quarter for a yearly total of \$10,000 for providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with WiCHD defining the roles and responsibilities of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the \$10,000 received by the Fire Department under the Memorandum of Understanding with the WiCHD shall be used to purchase additional emergency medical supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, both the Fire Chief and the Mayor have recommended that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WiCHD, accept the funds from WiCHD for providing services under the Agreement, and allocate the funds to the Fire Department's FY2024 Operating Budget; 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 Council of the City of Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding 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 ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. Acting Mayor John (Jack) Heath is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with WiCHD and to accept a total of \$10,000 from WiCHD for providing services under the Memorandum of Understanding.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. The City of Salisbury's Grant Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

- (a)** Increase General Fund WiCHD Reimbursements account (01000-427301-XXXXX) by \$10,000.00.
- (b)** Increase Fire Department Expenditure Medical account (24035-546016) by \$10,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 4. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.


Section 5. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.


THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 23 day of October, 2023 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 13 day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk


April R. Jackson, City Council President

Approved by me, this 20th day of November, 2023.


John R. Heath, Acting Mayor