AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTION 700.040, THE 2020 COVID-19 ECONOMIC REBATE PLAN, TO ALLOW MULTI UNIT COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESS OF APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen previously adopted Bill No. 20-27 creating Section 700.040, The 2020 Covid-19 Economic Rebate Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen hereby finds multi-unit commercial structures should be included in the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen understands that submission of a receipt and copy of the water/sewer bill is unnecessary for the efficient administration of the program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> That Section 700.040 of the Osage Beach Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended with new material in **bold** and deleted matter struck through as follows:

Section 700.040

- 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained within Chapters 700, 705, 710 and 715 of the Osage Beach Municipal Code there is herein created the 2020 COVID-19 Economic Rebate Plan.
- 2. Individual residential or commercial water and sewer customers, individual residential or commercial water only customers, and individual residential or commercial sewer only customers may earn a rebate as set forth in paragraph 4 below, on their water and sewer, or water only or sewer only charges by presenting with their bill any receipt from a local business for goods purchased or services received from May 8, 2020 through July 31, 2020.
- 3. To be eligible for the rebate the local business must be located within the city limits of Osage Beach and possess a current City business license.
- 4. For every \$25.00 of spending or more the city will extend a credit of \$15.00 against the Water / Sewer charges. Receipts must be received by August 31, 2020 to qualify.
- 5. To apply for this credit the customer must write their name as it appears on the water and sewer bill, phone number and account number on the receipt and submit it with the bill for which they want to receive a credit by emailing a copy copies of each to the Utility Billing Clerk or drop off the receipts and billing stub in a sealed envelope at the drop box, located at Osage Beach City Hall 1000 City Parkway Osage Beach,

Missouri 65065

- 6. For each \$25.00 of spending the customer shall receive a credit of \$15 towards the water and/or sewer bill. Each account may receive no more than a \$60.00 credit under this section. Under no circumstances shall any credits under this program result in any payments directly to a customer.
- 7. The credit in this section does not apply to reconnection fees.
- 8. Multi-unit family structures including but not limited to multi-tenant commercial structures, such as apartment buildings, condominiums, duplexes where the water and sewer service are billed jointly are eligible for rebates not to exceed \$60.00 per unit and not more than \$1,000.00 per account. To qualify for the multifamily rebate, the owner or manager must present receipts for spending by residents or tenants of the building from local businesses as described in this section.

Section 2. Severability

The chapters, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the valid judgment or degree of any Court of any competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the Board of Aldermen without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 3. Repeal of Ordinances not to affect liabilities, etc.

Whenever any part of this ordinance shall be repealed or modified, either expressly or by implication, by a subsequent ordinance, that part of the ordinance thus repealed or modified shall continue in force until the subsequent ordinance repealing or modifying the ordinance shall go into effect unless therein otherwise expressly provided; but no suit, prosecution, proceeding, right, fine or penalty instituted, created, given, secured or accrued under this ordinance previous to its repeal shall not be affected, released or discharged but may be prosecuted, enjoined and recovered as fully as if this ordinance or provisions had continued in force, unless it shall be therein otherwise expressly provided.

<u>Section 4</u>. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and approval of the Mayor.

READ FIRST TIME: June 18, 2020 READ SECOND TIME: June 18, 2020

I hereby certify that Ordinance No.20.38 was duly passed on June 18, 2020 by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Osage Beach. The votes thereon were as follows:

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 0

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the Mayor for his signature.

Date

Tara Berreth, City Cle

Approved as to form:

Edward B. Rucker, City Attorney

Lhereby approve Ordinance No.20.38.

John Olivarri, Mayor

Tara Berreth, City Clerk

Frequently Asked Questions: [These are policy questions the ordinance must address.]

- 1. Can residential and commercial accounts receive credit, too? Yes
- 2. Can I combine receipts to reach the \$25 limit? Yes
- 3. How long will this program last? The program will apply to receipts for purchases and water and sewer bills for the month of June July and August 2020.
- 4. I bought groceries from a local business in April, can I turn in that receipt for a rebate? No. Under this program the receipts must be during the tourist season May through August. Receipts must be dated for any time after the launch of this program May 8, 2020 and before the end of the program on August 31. 2020. Receipts must be submitted by August 31, 2020 to qualify.
- 5. What if I have a receipt of over \$50? Does that count as two credits? Yes each \$25 of spending counts as one credit.
- 6. What is the maximum credit available? The water and sewer rebates of \$15 will be applied to every \$25 spent, up to the maximum allowable credit of \$60 per account for expenditures of \$100.00.