

INTRODUCED: 4/13/2020

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillor Osili

DIGEST: approves an additional appropriation totaling \$2,089,455 in the 2020 Budget of the Marion County Elections Board (County General and Cumulative Capital Funds) for the mailing of absentee applications, rental of additional Express Vote machines, and for the necessary equipment to run the Marion County elections of 2020

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Marion County Elections Board

Drafted by: Office of Finance and Management

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Published Notice of Public Hearing

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____



Date: April 9, 2020

CITY-COUNTY FISCAL ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2020

A FISCAL ORDINANCE amending the City-County Annual Budget for 2020 (City-County Fiscal Ordinance No. 20, 2019) by additional appropriations of Two Million Eighty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$2,089,455) for the purposes of the Marion County Election Board.

WHEREAS, a Centers for Disease Control risk assessment indicates that the novel Coronavirus Disease, known as "COVID-19," is likely to cause a pandemic and further indicates that "sustained person-to-person spread will continue to occur, including throughout communities in the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control reports that COVID-19 may cause severe illness, including illness resulting in death, particularly among the elderly and those with severe underlying health conditions like heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services declared COVID-19 a public-health emergency for the United States on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana confirmed the first known case of COVID-19 in Marion County on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Indiana's governor invoked his powers under Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12(a) and declared a disaster emergency for the State of Indiana on March 6, 2020 which was renewed on April 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a declared disaster emergency under Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-17 authorizes a political subdivision to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by the laws pertaining to the appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, combatting the spread of COVID-19—a fast developing public-health emergency that has reached Marion County—will require fast actions from federal, state, and local governments, including actions that will require immediate expenditures of public funds; and

WHEREAS, delaying the availability of disaster-response funding to comply with the usual procedures and formalities governing the appropriation process—including notice requirements—risks exacerbating the existing public-health emergency; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. To provide for expenditures the necessity for which has arisen since its adoption, the City-County Annual Budget for 2020 is hereby amended by the fund and character increase hereinafter stated for purposes of the Marion County Elections Board.

SECTION 2. The Marion County Elections Board requests an additional appropriation to Character Three in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,455,500) in the County General fund for the mailing of absentee ballots and the rental of additional Express Vote.

FUND	CHAR 1	CHAR 2	CHAR 3	CHAR 4	CHAR 5	TOTAL
County General			1,455,500			1,455,500

SECTION 3. The Marion County Elections Board requests an additional appropriation to Character four of Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$633,955) in the Cumulative Capital fund for the necessary equipment to run the Marion County elections of 2020.

FUND	CHAR 1	CHAR 2	CHAR 3	CHAR 4	CHAR 5	TOTAL
Cumulative Capital				633,955		633,955

SECTION 4. Upon approval of this and other pending proposals, the following unappropriated fund balances are projected to remain at the end of 2020:

Fund	Projected 2019 Year-End Balance	Projected 2020 Year-End Balance
County General	34,765,698	30,620,812
Cumulative Capital	1,931,663	1,178,718

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2020, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Vop Osili
President, City-County Council

SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor