THERE IS NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THIS LEGISLATION IF AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In the title, beginning in line 2, strike "Authorizing the Director of Public Safety, or appropriate director, to employ one or more professional consultants to develop and implement a strategic plan to expand the Crisis Intervention Team Co-responder Program" and insert "Directing a portion of the City's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment to the City's COVID-19 response by authorizing the Director of Public Safety, or appropriate Director, to enter into one or more professional services contracts to develop a strategic plan to expand the Crisis Intervention Team Co-responder Program and explore opportunities to implement Care Response".

2. After the first whereas clause, insert the following new whereas clause:

"WHEREAS, because Care Response has the potential to improve individual and community outcomes and to decrease the workload for police departments, the City desires for this Project to explore Care response models in addition to co-response; and

3. In the existing first whereas clause, line 2, strike "Team ("CIT")" and insert "Co-responder Program"; in line 4, strike "and also includes a salary for three years for senior level strategist;" and insert " a senior level strategist and approximately ten licensed social workers, social workers, or other similar professionals; and"; in the existing second whereas clause, line 2, strike "the Division of Police" and insert "such expansion"; and in the existing third whereas clause line 3, after "are now" insert "available".

4. In Section 1, strike lines 5 and 6 in their entirety and insert "necessary to develop a strategic plan for the Project and employ by contract or contracts one or more placement agencies for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland in order to provide professional services necessary to supply personnel needed for the Project."; in the second paragraph, line 1, after "consultants" insert "or agency or agencies"; and in line 3 after "consultants" insert "or agencies, as appropriate,".

5. Insert new Section 1a to read as follows:

"Section 1a. That the Director of Public Health is authorized to employ a senior-level strategist to work on co-response and care response models. In addition, the Director of Public Health, or appropriate director, is authorized to employ licensed social workers, social workers, or other similar professionals in furtherance of this ordinance.

The selection of the consultant or consultants or agency or agencies for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Public Health, or appropriate director, from a list of qualified consultants or agencies, as appropriate, available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Public Health, or appropriate director, for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Public Health, or appropriate director, and certified by the Director of Finance.".

6. In Section 2, line 4, before "ARPA-eligible" insert "are"; and in line 8, between "Response" and the end parentheses, insert a quotation mark.

7. In Section 5, line 1, after "That the" strike "Public Safety" and insert "Public Safety, Health, Community Relations, or appropriate director,".

8. In Section 9, strike lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert: "Section 9. That the cost authorized under this ordinance shall be paid from Fund Nos. 01-001-9997, 15 SF 190, the Fund Payment and".

9. Insert new Section 11 to read as follows: "Section 11. That the Director of Public Safety shall provide all members of Council a quarterly report concerning the effectiveness of the Project, by ward if available."; and renumber existing Sections 11 and 12 to new "Section 12" and "Section 13".

Date: _____ (Signed): _____

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