Resolution appropriating ARPA funds to pay for the remediation required on detached garages which violate the current floodplain standards per FEMA.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that provides flood insurance to the public; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-0643 was approved for \$24,000 for the remediation of sixteen garages, an additional ten properties have come forward; and.

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-1352 was approved for \$30,000 for the remediation of the additional ten properties, four more owners opted for flood vents as remediation in lieu of Deed Restrictions raising the number of vents, installs, and Elevation Certificates required; and

WHEREAS, there are currently in excess of thirty properties on the north side of La Crosse who have garages that are below the base flood elevation, which violates the current floodplain standards; and

WHEREAS, in order for City residents to continue to qualify for subsidized flood insurance per the NFIP, these violations are required be mitigated either by placing flood vents in the existing garages or by elevating the finished floor; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires verification of compliance in the form of an updated elevation certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby appropriates an additional sum of up to \$10,000.00 from the ARPA Lost Revenue Allocation fund to pay for the purchase and installation of flood vents and updated elevation certificates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the Fire Department – Division of Community Risk Management and the City Finance Department are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on March 9, 2023.

Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk

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