

ORDINANCE NO. 20 -2012

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT, AND, IF APPROVED FOR THE GRANT, TO ENTER INTO A GRANT CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress set aside monies for Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”) Projects through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.

WHEREAS, Ohio’s SRTS Project reimbursement funding process is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the goal of Ohio’s STRS Program, through the Ohio Department of Transportation, is to assist communities in developing and implementing projects and programs that encourage and enable children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk or bike to school safely; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s School Travel Plan is an activity eligible to receive STRS Project funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Finance Director be, and they hereby are, authorized on behalf of the Village to prepare and execute an application for SRTS Program reimbursement funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation and to submit the same.

SECTION 2. If awarded project funding, the Village acknowledges that no reimbursement funding will be granted for School Travel Plan development, and the Village agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of work over and above that provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. Upon completion of the Village’s SRTS project, the Village will provide the completed School Travel Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation with adequate community endorsements.

SECTION 4. If the Village’s SRTS Program funding application is approved, the Mayor and the Finance Director are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Director of the Department of Transportation for the completion of the SRTS Program project.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to meet the application deadline for the funding program; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 3-20-2012

Michael Wheeler
President of Council

Debbie Bestera
Mayor

Dated: 3/20/12

ATTEST:

Carolyn E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council