

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 34 - 2017

MAY 3, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to fund a Historical Preservation Specialist Consultant to assist the City's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB). The grant requires a 5//50 match.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2017 General Fund in the amount of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the PHMC to fund a Historical Reservation Specialist Consultant to assist with HARB.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

**Department of Community and Economic Development
Bureau of Planning and Zoning**

000-09-0902-0004-46	Other Contract Services	\$12,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Finance

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) grant award to fund a historic preservation specialist. The City received a \$12,000.00 Certified Local Government Grant.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The bill establishes the account to receive funds from the PHMC and to fund a historic preservation specialist. This consultant will give guidance to the Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) in reviewing applications for alterations of buildings in the Historic Districts. This will increase awareness of the historic district ordinance for HARB and for residents in the historic district. The number of violations will be reduced and will reduce misconceptions about the regulations contained in the historic district ordinance. The historic preservation consultant will provide advice to HARB on proposed changes to buildings in the historic district and assist with compliance to the Design Guidelines.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant requires a 50/50 match. The City matches the grant with salaries of the Senior Planner and Clerk III in Planning and Zoning. The benefits are a professional historic preservation specialist to provide advice and guidance on the best approach to protecting the buildings in the City's historic districts.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding comes from the U.S. Department of the Interior and is administered and passed through the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The contract to hire the above mentioned consultants to begin on August 1, 2017.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

It will provide professional consulting services to advise HARB and will increase awareness of the importance of historic preservation in Allentown.