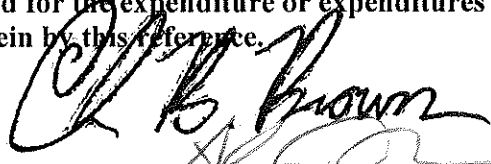


Controller's Office

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston, Texas:

I hereby certify, with respect to the money required for the contract, agreement, obligation or expenditure contemplated by the ordinance set out below that:

- () Funds have been encumbered out of funds previously appropriated for such purpose.
- () Funds have been certified and designated to be appropriated by separate ordinance to be approved prior to the approval of the ordinance set out below.
- () Funds will be available out of current or general revenue prior to the maturity of any such obligation.
- () No pecuniary obligation is to be incurred as a result of approving the ordinance set out below.
- () The money required for the expenditure or expenditures specified below is in the treasury, in the fund or funds specified below, and is not appropriated for any other purposes.
- () A certificate with respect to the money required for the expenditure or expenditures specified below is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- () Other - ^{Corres Act} Grant Funds Available



Date: 11/4, 2020

City Controller of the City of Houston, Texas

ms FUND REF: 5307-3200-520103 AMOUNT: \$2,100,000.00 ENCUMB. NO.: FK 300005289
OA# 46-16089 City of Houston, Texas Ordinance No. 2020-952

A AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-393, AS AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND BAKERRIPLEY, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE CONTRACT AND PROVIDE FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, City Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2020-393 which outlined the creation of the City of Houston COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program to provide, among other services, rental assistance by disbursing payments received from the

Coronavirus Relief Fund, and pursuant to the CARES Act, to landlords on behalf of low-to-moderate income tenants to pay for or offset the cost of each qualified resident's rent for either April 2020 or May 2020 or both ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-393, City Council also approved the Agreement for Rental Assistance Program Administration and Related Services ("Agreement") with BakerRipley, Inc. to efficiently disburse funds and quickly provide economic support to landlords/small businesses and therefore low-to-moderate income individuals impacted by COVID-19, in accordance with Program guidelines;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, City Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2020-689 which delegated to the Mayor or his designee the authority to negotiate and amend the Agreement and to amend and modify the Program and its guidelines to make changes necessary to address the continuing secondary order effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to amend the Agreement to make changes necessary to address the ongoing effects of COVID-19, which may include but are not limited to providing utility assistance to a qualified resident to offset the cost of one or more utility bills for the period from May 2020 to December 2020, and other changes as the Administration deems necessary to establish and maintain control over the disbursement of funds for utility assistance, ensure the public purpose is accomplished and that the City receives a return benefit, and to protect the public's investment; and

WHEREAS, it benefits the City to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 infections through direct or indirect contact between a person and another person, living being, or object, to support individuals' access to electricity to prepare meals, purchase food and services online, conduct virtual business, telework, and interact online with the City through City staff, virtual City Council meetings and registering for the City's COVID-19 testing sites, where required; and

WHEREAS, it benefits the City to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 infections and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the City by supporting individuals' access to water to maintain personal hygiene, such as handwashing and other methods recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and ensuring individuals have working utilities which enables them to socially distance and lower the risk of human contact from sharing utilities or houses; and

WHEREAS, it furthers the City's interests to amend the Agreement to efficiently disburse funds and quickly provide utility assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19, in accordance with the Program guidelines, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the activities under the Agreement, as may be amended, serve a public purpose and are in the best interest of the City and its residents; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2020-393 is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 6. The total allocation for the contract, agreement or other undertaking approved and authorized hereby shall never exceed **\$32,100,000.00**, which amount represents an increase of **\$2,100,000.00** to the previous maximum contract amount of **\$30,000,000.00**, unless and until this sum is increased by ordinance of City Council.

Section 3. The City Council hereby delegates to the Mayor or his designee, the authority, without further authorization from City Council to (i) negotiate and amend the contract that is the subject of this ordinance (which amendment may address matters such as the addition of utility assistance and providing for an updated project scope, budget, and vendor compensation in connection with the disbursement of utility assistance) and (ii) take any administrative actions, all as necessary to effectuate the City's intent and objectives in approving such Amendment, the Program, or other undertakings described in the title of this Ordinance, in the event of changed circumstances.

Section 4. The Mayor, City Controller, and other City of Houston signatories to the Agreement are authorized to execute the amendment or other changes referenced in this Ordinance and to bind the City without further authorization from City Council. The City Secretary is authorized to attest to all such signatories and to affix the seal of the City to all such documents.

Section 5. For the avoidance of doubt, City Council Members retain all authorities granted to them in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2020-393 regarding the use of Council District Service Funds and issuances of purchase orders to support the Program, as amended.

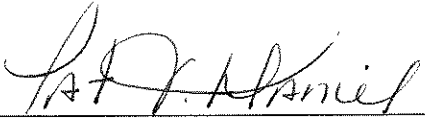
Section 6. There exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

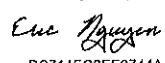
Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is NOV 10 2020.



 City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept. _____)
 (ELN:eln 11/03/2020) Assistant City Attorney
 (Requested by Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department)
 (L.D. File No. 0292000417003)

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