ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43

An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Establishing a Loan Program for Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and Declaring an Emergency.

Whereas, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and

Whereas, a functioning local economy is critical to protect the health and wellbeing of Pierce County residents; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County have been impacted by COVID-19 to such an extent that an unprecedented number may not be able to continue providing goods and services to the community, or provide jobs to the individuals who rely on them for their livelihood; and

Whereas, the failure of small businesses due to the pandemic will create serious hardship on individuals employed by those businesses and create additional financial burdens on governments in Pierce County by increasing demand for government support to individuals who become unemployed or underemployed; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County generate tax revenue that Pierce County governments rely on to finance the provision of essential government services and promote the public welfare; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Pierce County COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Relief Loan Program administered by the Economic Development Department. The purpose of this loan program is to protect jobs threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing interest-free loans to small businesses located in unincorporated Pierce County.
Section 2. Businesses receiving loans under this program must: (1) have ten or fewer employees; (2) demonstrate at least a twenty-five percent reduction in revenues attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic; and (3) be located in unincorporated Pierce County. The Economic Development Director shall institute an application review and documentation process as necessary to ensure these program requirements are met.

Section 3. Eligible businesses may apply through the process established by the Economic Development Department. Subject to available funds, loans will be offered at zero-interest for a twelve-month term at $2,000 per employee, with a total amount per employer not to exceed $10,000. The loan is due and payable in full to Pierce County at the end of the twelve-month term. The Economic Development Director may supplement these terms with other terms and conditions the Director deems appropriate to further the purposes of this Ordinance. No loans shall be issued without a written agreement between the applicant and Pierce County.

Section 4. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government and its existing institutions because small businesses in Pierce County are at risk of imminent failure, which threatens the public's ability to meet its basic health and safety needs and threatens tax revenue streams that County government relies upon to provide essential government services.
Section 5. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2021.

PASSED this 24th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive
Approved X Vetoed ________, this 24th day of March, 2020.
Time: 1713

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: Not applicable - Emergency

Effective Date of Ordinance: March 24, 2020 at 5:13 p.m.
An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Providing Funding for Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic; Amending Ordinance No. 2019-86s, the Biennial Budget of Pierce County for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021; and Declaring an Emergency.

Whereas, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and

Whereas, a functioning local economy is critical to protect the health and wellbeing of Pierce County residents; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County have been impacted by COVID-19 to such an extent that an unprecedented number may not be able to continue providing goods and services to the community, or provide jobs to the individuals who rely on them for their livelihood; and

Whereas, the failure of small businesses due to the pandemic will create serious hardship on individuals employed by those businesses and create additional financial burdens on governments in Pierce County by increasing demand for government support to individuals who become unemployed or underemployed; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County generate tax revenue that Pierce County governments rely on to finance the provision of essential government services and promote the public welfare; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:
Section 1. Section 1. of Ordinance No. 2019-86s, the 2020-2021 biennial budget, is hereby amended as follows:

**General Fund:**

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Increase Economic Development budget for loans to vulnerable small businesses with ten or fewer employees in unincorporated Pierce County affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Pursuant to Pierce County Ordinance No. 2020-43, loans will be $2,000 per employee to a maximum of $10,000 per employer. Total appropriation for loans to vulnerable small businesses will be $640,000 after redirecting $200,000 from Workforce Central funding.

Add the proviso, PROVIDED, that up to $640,000 is appropriated for the Economic Development Department for loans to vulnerable small businesses with ten or fewer employees in unincorporated Pierce County affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Pursuant to Pierce County Ordinance No. 2020-43, loans will be $2,000 per employee to a maximum of $10,000 per employer.

Delete the proviso, PROVIDED, that up to $300,000 is appropriated for a pre-apprenticeship training program operated by Workforce Central. The funds will be made available only after Workforce Central has leveraged Pierce County’s funds with additional funds from other entities including local governments, organized labor, and business. Workforce Central will provide Pierce County with an annual report of the revenues and expenditures of the program, number of individuals served and in what communities that they reside, areas of study, and success rates of finding employment.

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(Family Wage Jobs Program)

Adjust all totals accordingly.

Section 2. Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 2019-86s is hereby amended accordingly.
Section 3. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government and its existing institutions because small businesses in Pierce County are at risk of imminent failure, which threatens the public's ability to meet its basic health and safety needs and threatens tax revenue streams that County government relies upon to provide essential government services.

PASSED this 24th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive
Approved X Vetoed ______, this 24th day of March, 2020.

Time: 17:14

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: Not Applicable. Emergency

Effective Date of Ordinance: March 24, 2020 at 5:14 pm
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-53

An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Modifying the Loan Program for Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic Established Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-43; Establishing a Sunset Date; and Declaring an Emergency.

Whereas, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and

Whereas, a functioning local economy is critical to protect the health and wellbeing of Pierce County residents; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County have been impacted by COVID-19 to such an extent that an unprecedented number may not be able to continue providing goods and services to the community, or provide jobs to the individuals who rely on them for their livelihood; and

Whereas, the failure of small businesses due to the pandemic will create serious hardship on individuals employed by those businesses and create additional financial burdens on governments in Pierce County by increasing demand for government support to individuals who become unemployed or underemployed; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County generate tax revenue that Pierce County governments rely on to finance the provision of essential government services and promote the public welfare;

Whereas, the Pierce County Council created the COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Relief Loan Program pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-43 to provide emergency support to small businesses in the unincorporated area; and
Whereas, modifications to the program are needed to provide broader emergency assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic including support within incorporated areas; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. The program requirements and eligibility for the Pierce County COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Relief Loan Program established pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-43 are hereby modified as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Businesses receiving loans under the COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Relief Loan Program must: (1) have 20 or fewer full-time equivalent employees; (2) demonstrate at least a 25 percent reduction in revenues attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic; and (3) be located in either the incorporated or unincorporated area of Pierce County. The Economic Development Director shall institute an application review and documentation process as necessary to ensure these program requirements are met. In determining business eligibility, the Economic Development Director will consider ownership transfers that may have occurred in the 12-months prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 2020-43.

Section 3. Businesses eligible for the COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Relief Loan Program may apply through the process established by the Economic Development Department. Subject to available funds, loans will be offered at zero-interest for a 12-month term at $1,000 per employee, with a total amount per employer not to exceed $20,000. The loan is due and payable in full to Pierce County at the end of the 12-month term. The Economic Development Director may supplement these terms with other terms and conditions the Director deems appropriate to further the purposes of this Ordinance. No loans shall be issued without a written agreement between the applicant and Pierce County.

Section 4. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government and its existing institutions because small businesses in Pierce County are at risk of imminent failure, which threatens the public’s ability to meet its basic health and safety needs and threatens tax revenue streams that County government relies upon to provide essential government services.
Section 5. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2021.

PASSED this 21st day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive
Approved □ Vetoed □ this 21st day of April, 2020.
Time: 11:35 AM

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: Not Applicable - Emergency
Effective Date of Ordinance: April 22, 2020
An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Providing Funding for Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic; Amending Ordinance No. 2019-86s as Amended by Ordinance Nos. 2020-35 and 2020-42, the Biennial Budget for Pierce County for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021; and Declaring an Emergency.

Whereas, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas, Pierce County is to receive up to $158 million in COVID-19 Relief Funding through the CARES ACT, passed by Congress in March of 2020; and

Whereas, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and

Whereas, due to the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, foodbanks throughout Pierce County have been called on to distribute greater amounts of food; and

Whereas, a functioning local economy is critical to protect the health and wellbeing of Pierce County residents; and

Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County have been impacted by COVID-19 to such an extent that an unprecedented number may not be able to continue providing goods and services to the community, or provide jobs to the individuals who rely on them for their livelihood; and

Whereas, the failure of small businesses due to the pandemic will create serious hardship on individuals employed by those businesses and create additional financial burdens on governments in Pierce County by increasing demand for government support to individuals who become unemployed or underemployed; and
Whereas, small businesses in Pierce County generate tax revenue that Pierce County governments rely on to finance the provision of essential government services and promote the public welfare; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. Section 1. of Ordinance No. 2019-86s, the 2020-2021 Biennial budget, is hereby amended as follows:

General Fund Revenues:

Intergovernmental Revenue (COVID-19 Relief Funding) ....................... +$3,500,000

Section 2. Section 1. of Ordinance No. 2020-35, amending the 2020-2021 Biennial budget, is hereby amended as follows:

Miscellaneous Current Expense (Emergency Food Network) ............... +$500,000

Section 3. Section 1. of Ordinance No. 2020-42, amending the 2020-2021 Biennial budget, is hereby amended as follows:

Economic Development ........................................................................... +$3,000,000

Delete the proviso:

"PROVIDED, that up to $640,000 is appropriated for the Economic Development Department for loans to vulnerable businesses with ten or fewer employees in unincorporated Pierce County affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Pursuant to Pierce County Ordinance No. 2020-43, loans will be $2,000 per employee to a maximum of $10,000 per employer."

Add the provisos:

"PROVIDED, that up to $3,640,000 is appropriated to the Economic Development Department for loans to vulnerable small businesses with 20 or fewer full-time equivalent employees in Pierce County affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Loan eligibility and program requirements will be determined by separate ordinance.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than 50 percent of the appropriated funds be used for loans in incorporated areas of Pierce County."

Section 4. Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2019-86s is hereby amended accordingly.
Section 5. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government and its existing institutions because small businesses in Pierce County are at risk of imminent failure, which threatens the public’s ability to meet its basic health and safety needs and threatens tax revenue streams that County government relies upon to provide essential government services.

PASSED this 21st day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Douglas G. Richardson
Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive
Approved X Vetoed __________, this 22nd day of April, 2020.
Time: 11:36 Am

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: NOT Applicable Emergency

Effective Date of Ordinance: April 22, 2020