



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH  
AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

6:00pm Emergency City Council Meeting

Please note this meeting will be televised over the Local Government Cable Access Ch. 22 (Comcast), and streamed live through the City's website at [www.somersworth.com](http://www.somersworth.com). Although this is a public meeting, the public is encouraged not to attend and to watch on Channel 22, or live stream through the City's website.

The City will accept written public comments which may be dropped off at City Hall by way of the Tax Collector drive-thru portal, USPS, or via email to the City Clerk's office [tharris@somersworth.com](mailto:tharris@somersworth.com) or [kgagne@somersworth.com](mailto:kgagne@somersworth.com).

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1. Announcement by Mayor Hilliard
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments by Visitors
5. New Business

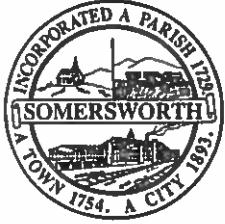
ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 18-20** - Emergency Appropriation to Meet the Needs of the City and Safeguard the Life, Safety, Health, and Welfare of the City During the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic Emergency

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 43-20** - To Authorize the City Manager, in Consultation with the Mayor and Chair of the City Council Finance Committee, to Utilize Funding Provided Through Ordinance No. 18-20 "Emergency Appropriation" to Provide for The Life, Safety, Health, and Welfare of the City of Somersworth During the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic Emergency
- B. **Resolution No. 44-20** - Tri-City Request for Federal and State Financial Assistance Related to the Covid-19 Emergency

6. Closing Comments by Council Members
7. Adjournment



## City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 18-20

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND SAFEGUARD THE LIFE, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE OF THE CITY DURING THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC EMERGENCY**

March 24, 2020

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT pursuant to Section 7.7(B) of the City Charter:

The annual budget for the City of Somersworth for Fiscal Year 19-20 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$589,250 from unassigned General Fund fund balance to the Contingency section of the FY19-20 General Fund budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 76,000	\$ 589,250	\$ 665,250

Approved as to Funding:

Scott A. Smith  
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:

Trish Harris  
City Clerk

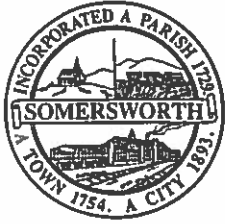
Background:

This ordinance appropriates funding to allow the City through action authorized by the City Manager to respond to any emergencies effecting the life, health, welfare, and safety of the City of Somersworth without delay. Any expenditure authorized will be made in consultation with the Mayor and the Chair of the City Council Finance Committee. Any and all funds from this appropriation not expended for this intended purpose at the conclusion of this emergency shall lapse and revert back to unassigned fund balance.

***This Ordinance is being acted upon in accordance with Section 7.7(B) Emergency Appropriations of the City Charter.***

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard Councilors: David A. Witham Matt Gerding Nancie Cameron Crystal Paradis Richard Michaud	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution



Resolution No: 43-20

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MAYOR AND CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO UTILIZE FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH ORDINANCE 18-20 “EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION” TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIFE, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH DURING THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

March 24, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Christopher T. Sununu issued Executive Order 2020-04, declaring a state of emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has activated the emergency response team to implement processes and take action in accordance with Federal and State Officials in order to protect the life, safety, health, and welfare of the residents of the City of Somersworth, and

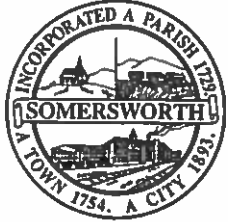
WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is imperative that the City emergency management team has the resources available and ability to respond without delay, and

WHEREAS, Section 29.8.4.2 of the Administrative Code allows for emergency purchases to prevent delays in work which might affect the safety, health, or convenience of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT that the City Manager is authorized, in consultation with the Mayor and Chair of the City Council Finance Committee, without further action required by the City Council, to expend funds provided by Ordinance 18-20 “Emergency Appropriation”, to provide for the life, safety, health, and welfare of the City of Somersworth during the COVID-19 Virus Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT any and all funds appropriated through Ordinance 18-20 not expended for this intended purpose at the conclusion of this emergency shall lapse and revert back to unassigned fund balance.

<b>Authorization</b>	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard Councilors: David A. Witham Matt Gerding Nancie Cameron Crystal Paradis Richard Michaud	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney



## City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 44-20

### **TRI-CITY REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

March 24, 2020

WHEREAS, the respiratory illness known as COVID-19 (novel corona virus) is presently affecting the United States and the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Christopher Sununu issued Executive Order 2020-04, declaring a state of emergency in New Hampshire with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sununu has since issued emergency orders directing remote instruction by public schools, requiring food and beverage service to carry out, and limiting public gatherings of more than fifty people; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) as well as President Trump have issued or recommended further restrictions on public gatherings and minimizing exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all of the foregoing mitigation measures are understandably aimed at reducing the impact and spread of COVID-19, and preserving the ability of the country’s and state’s healthcare systems to address the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting mitigation measures are, and will in all likelihood continue, inflicting dire statewide and local economic consequences upon local businesses and employees; and

WHEREAS, the-Cities of Somersworth, Rochester, and Dover believe broad economic assistance packages are critical to mitigating the adverse economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the aforesaid communities lack the authority or resources to undertake necessary economic assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Somersworth, Rochester, and Dover are reliant upon the federal and state authorities to provide immediate economic assistance and to do so proactively, to avoid potentially irreversible economic loss from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOMERSWORTH, ROCHESTER AND DOVER CITY COUNCILS THAT, The Cities of Somersworth, Rochester, and Dover, New Hampshire in all urgency, request and call upon the federal and state government to expeditiously enact broad, significant economic assistance to local businesses and employees in order to minimize the adverse economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Authorization</b>	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

**City of Somersworth – Resolution 44-20**

<b>History</b>			
First Read Date:	03/24/2020	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

**Discussion**

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Paradis		
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>			
On / / . Resolution 44-20		<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>