

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 197

By: Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT(S) TO PURCHASE PROPERTY-CASUALTY AND RELATED INSURANCE COVERAGES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, by and through Ordinance No. 2016-216 Council authorized the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a contract with **TRAVELERS COMPANIES**, as carrier, through **THE FEDELI GROUP** for the purchase of the City's property-casualty, liability and related insurance coverages for the departments of the City under a new municipal insurance program commencing December 1, 2016 for a twelve (12) month period ending November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the market for public entities insurance is limited to a few carriers and a proliferation of pools, and is becoming less favorable according to the City's independent insurance consultant; and

WHEREAS, the product and insurance program offered by Travelers Companies through The Fedeli Group is among the most competitive, and the carrier is highly rated; and

WHEREAS, because the City can maintain price stability and competitive rates, with no diminution in terms, conditions or coverage limits, the City's insurance consultant, Compensation Analysis, Inc., and Director of Finance have recommended that the City renew its policy and continue with The Fedeli Group with underwriting of coverages through Travelers Companies as the carrier for the next year; and

WHEREAS, therefore, this Council finds it would be in the City's best interest to forego the normal bidding or proposal procedure in order to obtain and renew insurance coverages at a reasonable and advantageous rate with minimal rate increase over the last year, to protect the City, its officers, employees, real and personal property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, BY UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE:

**Section 1.** That this Council finds and determines, as set out in Article V, §5 of the Charter, that there is an immediate and present emergency in the operation of the Department of Finance and various other Departments of the City of Strongsville, in that it is necessary to enter into a renewal of the contract with **TRAVELERS COMPANIES**, in order to avoid a gap in insurance coverage, to protect the City's officers, employees, real and personal property, to maintain reasonable insurance protection with advantageous premiums, and preserve the expenditure of funds in relation to insurance coverages and potential liability.

**Section 2.** That, for the reasons aforesaid, the Mayor and the Director of Finance be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a renewal of the agreement with **TRAVELERS COMPANIES** through **THE FEDELI GROUP** for the purchase of applicable

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insurance coverages to continue the City's current property-casualty and liability insurance program, commencing on December 1, 2017 for a twelve (12) month period ending November 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$383,771.00 in annual premium. A copy of the agreement and policies including coverages are on file in the office of the Director of Finance and in the office of the City's insurance consultant, and shall be in a form to be approved by the Law Director.

**Section 3.** That the funds for the purpose of the aforesaid expenditure have been appropriated and shall be paid from the General Fund, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund; Fire Levy Fund; Multi-Purpose Complex Fund; and Sanitary Sewer Fund.

**Section 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 5.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that the immediate renewal of the aforesaid insurance coverages is required in order to prevent a gap in coverages, to properly and completely protect the financial interests and property of the City, to ensure competitive premium rates, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the unanimous vote of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Kenneth M. Dooner  
President of Council

Approved: Thomas Berard  
Mayor

Date Passed: November 20, 2017

Date Approved: November 21, 2017

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Daymut	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
DeMio	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Dooner	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Schonhut	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Short	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Southworth	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>

Attest: Cheryl Mena  
Assistant Clerk of Council

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