**AN ordinance TO authorize the allocation of american rescue plan act (ARpA) recovery funds for premium pay**

**Ordinance No. 2021-22**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington has received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act[[1]](#footnote-1), adopted March 11, 2021, pursuant to Section 603, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“Fiscal Recovery Funds”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued the interim final rule to implement the Fund[[2]](#footnote-2), which directs recipients of Fiscal Recovery Funds may use such funds to provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency[[3]](#footnote-3); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington desires to provide certain funds from the City’s allotment of Fiscal Recovery Funds to essential eligible employees as premium payment, as contemplated within the interim final rule adopted by the Secretary of the Treasury, to employees of the City who are essential eligible workers and to otherwise recognize the substantial benefit such eligible employees are providing the City of Washington by working in areas necessary for the purposes of eliminating or reducing immediate threats to life, public health, or safety, where their work could expose them to the coronavirus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Essential eligible employees, as defined within the interim final order of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall receive a one-time premium pay, to be made payable as of November 9, 2021. Full-time City employees including new hires who worked the entirety of calendar year 2020 shall receive One Thousand Dollars ($1,500.00). Full-time employees who worked less than the full year but at least six months shall receive a pro rata portion of the premium pay. Part-time City employees who worked the entirety of calendar year 2020 shall receive Five Hundred ($750).

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 8th day of November 2021 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ “yea” and \_\_\_\_\_ “nay”, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstained.

**Be it so ordained, this 8th day of NOVEMBER 2021,**

**William B. deGolian, Mayor**

Attested:

**Kim Evans, City Clerk**

1. 42 U.S.C. 801 *et seq*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 31 CFR Part 35 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Section 603(g)(2) defines eligible worker to mean ‘those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each Governor of a State or territory, or each Tribal government, may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of their State, territory, or Tribal Government.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)