RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have discussed establishing a grant program to assist small businesses within the City of North Augusta limits that have been impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council previously funded and established an application process for the Façade Improvement Program via Resolution 2017-10; and

WHEREAS, \$25,694 remains available for the Façade Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that a small business grant program is in the best interest of the City and should take precedence over the Façade Improvement Program at this time due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the small business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

- 1. The Mayor and City Council do hereby establish the Small Business Grant Program and redirect \$25,000 of the Façade Improvement Program to the Small Business Grant Program in the Capital Projects Fund.
- 2. The Mayor and Interim City Administrator are hereby authorized to finalize the specifics of the program, to include the method of applying for such assistance and the proposed agreement to be entered into by the City with the business owner.
- 3. The Interim City Administrator is hereby authorized to proceed with the implementation of this program and to execute small business grant agreements in accordance with the application and agreement to include the execution of the small business grant agreement(s) when appropriate.

Done, ratified and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, on this the 1st day of June, 2020.

SIGNED BY;

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: Aharon Jamar

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk