## ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-426

An ordinance establishing a program for the purpose of providing assistance to low-income elderly residents of the Metropolitan Government for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 5-9-112 permits a county legislative body to appropriate funds for the purpose of providing assistance to low-income elderly residents of the county; and,

WHEREAS, said statute also authorizes the county legislative body to develop guidelines for eligibility and participation in applying for such assistance program; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan County Council appropriated \$5,187,000.00 in the 2020-2021 operating budget to the Property Tax Relief Program Account for the purpose of providing assistance to the Metropolitan Government low-income elderly residents program; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan County Council now desires to establish said program and develop guidelines for participation in said program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

- Section 1. There is hereby created a program to provide assistance to the low-income elderly residents of the Metropolitan Government.
- Section 2. All persons who qualified for the Property Tax Relief Program under the provisions of T.C.A. § 67-5-702 for the tax year 2020 and whose income does not exceed \$30,700.00 shall be eligible for participation in this program.
- Section 3. The Trustee of the Metropolitan Government is directed to pay or cause to be paid from the Property Tax Relief Program Account to all eligible taxpayers under the provisions of Section 2 an amount to be determined under the rules and procedures authorized under Section 4 hereof, or in lieu of a direct payment to the eligible person, the Trustee shall make such payment as directed by the eligible person.
- Section 4. The Trustee is authorized to establish such rules and procedures as he may deem necessary for the purpose of implementing such program.
- Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall expire and be null and void on June 30, 2021.
- Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

## **RECOMMENDED BY:**

## **INTRODUCED BY:**

Member(s) of Council

Parker Toler

Metropolitan Trustee

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