

City of



Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

1 PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07

2 **A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY COMMUNITY**
3 **SUSTAINMENT FUND THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

4 **WHEREAS**, the City is facing the potential loss of Community Development Block Grant money, which
5 provides funds for Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.,
6 first time homebuyers, housing rehabilitation and repair for very low income homeowners and other needs;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the budget for the State of Delaware is likely to see reductions, not increases, in local aid; and

9 **WHEREAS**, City taxpayers could be facing increases in other taxes from various levels of government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the lack of these funds would create severe hardship on some citizens, increase urban blight,
11 and undermine economic development and safety in the City; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many citizens of Dover have testified about the cost of the social problems of homes falling
13 into disrepair, homelessness, and addiction over the past year; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City would benefit from a mechanism which would allow voluntary support for improving
15 the atmosphere, quality of life, and sustainability of our City.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

17 Section 1. Dover City Council shall establish a \$1 a month negative checkoff on the utility bill which will
18 be solely for the Dover Community Sustainment and Enhancement Grant Fund.

19 (a) This contribution shall be voluntary for any taxpayer, renter of taxable property, or entity which
20 makes payment in lieu of taxes. It shall be mandatory for non-taxpaying entities. No person or
21 business shall be denied utility service, nor shall non-payment be submitted to collections. It shall
22 be listed as a line item on the bill, and included unless a person affirmatively opts out.

23 (b) This fund shall be appropriated annually by City Council, in the same fashion, with the same
24 reporting standards as Community Development Block Grants, except it shall not be subject to the
25 15% restriction, and shall be open to application by any nonprofit established for at least one (1)
26 year or to the Mayor's office to fund Council approved initiatives on homelessness.

27 (c) This fund shall be administered by the Director of Planning and Community Development's
28 designee.

29 **ADOPTED: ***

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33 **ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN**
34 **MAYOR**

_____ **TIMOTHY A. SLAVIN**
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

35 Actions History

36 05/23/2017 - Scheduled for Introduction - Council Committee of the Whole/Special Parks, Recreation, and Community
37 Enhancement Committee

