AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING REGARDING A PROGRAM, WHICH IS UTILIZING MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AID RESIDENTS IN EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS FOR HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1940

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Wheeling has determined that various residents within the boundaries of the City which would benefit from a funding source for exterior home improvements for Homes Built Prior to 1940 that would in turn provide a positive impact upon home repair, upkeep, and the overall beautification of the community; and

**WHEREAS** the City has determined that the City of Wheeling's Economic and Community Development Department is an appropriate department through which the Home Owner-Occupied Repair Assistance Program for Homes Built Prior to 1940 may be coordinated and carried out; and

WHEREAS the Home Owner-Occupied Repair Assistance Program for Homes Built Prior to 1940 documents shall be on file and applications may be available to the public in the office of Economic and Community Development Department and are hereafter incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS particular criteria have been created for use of review of applications and projects to be chosen eligible after the deadline for applications to be filed, being sixty (60) days after the passage of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Wheeling, on November 15, 2022 adopted a Resolution that the Home Owner-Occupied Repair Assistance Program for Homes Built Prior to 1940 be instituted; and

**WHEREAS** a committee was formed which included members of the Historic Landmarks Commission to review the application format, guidelines and create criteria which will be utilized to rate the applications on merit at the discretion of the committee prior to notice of awarding any grant funds; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, that a budget be estimated at \$500,000 regarding the program to provide financial assistance to aid residents in exterior home improvements for home built prior to 1940.