

SPONSOR: Dan Spitale  
Councilman at Large

ORDINANCE NO. 9652

**AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE CITY OF HAMMOND HOMEBOUND PROGRAM (DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE) AND AMENDING AWARD AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Homebound program was first created by the City of Hammond in 2007; and

WHEREAS, this program aims to assist homebuyers within the City of Hammond with down payment assistance for the purchase of a residential property; and

WHEREAS, this program has supported the growth of the City of Hammond population by helping many families and individuals reach their goal of home ownership; and

WHEREAS; the Hammond Department of Planning and Development jointly with the Redevelopment Commission creates and administers the policies and procedures to effectively and efficiently operate the Homebound program; and

WHEREAS, to continue to help more families and individuals obtain home ownership, the City Council wishes to codify the program within the Hammond Municipal Code, increase down payment assistance amounts, and extend eligibility to additional participants; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana that this Ordinance shall codify the Hammond Homebound


program in the Hammond Municipal Code and amend the Homebound program as follows:

1. In addition to income-based eligibility, Police Officers, Firefighters, and Educational Professionals, City of Hammond full-time employees, including those employed full-time by Hammond Water Works, Hammond Port Authority, Hammond Sanitary District, and Hammond Housing Authority, shall now be eligible for the Homebound program, subject to other eligibility requirements as determined by the Department of Planning and Development and Redevelopment Commission.
2. The Homebound program grant amount will provide up to fifty (50%) percent of the required down payment and pay reasonable closing costs up to a maximum total grant of \$10,000.00 for Police Officers, Firefighters, Educational Professionals, and City of Hammond full-time Employees as described in provision one (1) above.
3. All other policies and procedures for the Homebound program shall be implemented and administered by the Hammond Department of Planning and Development in conjunction with the Redevelopment Commission.


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof shall not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof, and approval by the Mayor.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 25th day of November, 2024.

  
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Scott Rakos, President  
Hammond Common Council

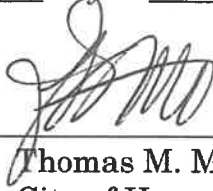
ATTEST:

  
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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 26th day of November, 2024 .

  
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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 91652 consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2024.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 and Approved by the Mayor on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana