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SPONSOR: Alfonso Salinas III,
2nd District Councilman

ORDINANCE NO. 9650 Barry Tyler, Jr.
3rd District Councilman

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9252 AND FURTHER
EXTENDING THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the College Bound Scholarship program was first created by the City of Hammond in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this program has been highly successful by giving thousands of Hammond students the opportunity to earn a scholarship with the City of Hammond paying a portion, or in some cases, almost all of their college education; and

WHEREAS, this program has helped stabilize the population in the City of Hammond, has increased home ownership, and has slowed families moving away from the city once their children have reached high school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, College Bound has been recognized twice by the United States Conference of Mayors and has been the model for other scholarship programs, including one in Michigan City, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, College Bound was initially created with a ten year life expectancy, but was renewed in 2014 by the City Council and Mayor for another ten years with the program currently set to expire at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, to assure Hammond families and students that the College Bound Program will be available to them for the foreseeable future, the City Council wishes to extend the College Bound program for another ten years until the end of the 2035-2036

school year; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana that Ordinance Number 9252 as it relates to the City of Hammond's College Bound Scholarship Program is amended as follows:

1. That the prefatory statements set out above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

2. That the College Bound Scholarship Program is extended for an additional ten years through the 2035-2036 school year and that funding of the program shall be made and budgeted by the City Controller on an annual basis.

3. That the College Bound Office is charged with the promulgation of rules and regulations regarding the continued implementation of the program.

4. That the 2014 renewal plan as presented to the council at the last renewal continues to form the basis for the program and will be the basis for the program during this renewal period.

5. That if the city faces a financial catastrophe that places the funding for College Bound at risk or is needed for other critical needs of the city, the mayor may declare that College Bound is suspended, and funding would occur as follows:


- College Bound scholarships for the current school year would be funded at 100%. Those already in the program would receive at least two additional years of funding at 50% of the current award, provided they otherwise qualify for the program.
- Students who are seniors in high school and who would otherwise qualify for the scholarship would be eligible for two years of funding at 50% of the current award and under the then current guidelines.

- Students in grades below high school seniors would not be eligible for the scholarship until such time as the program is reinstated.

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 28th day of October, 2024.




Scott Rakos, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



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 29th day of October, 2024



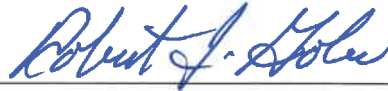
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9650 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 29th day of October, 2024.



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

PASSED by the Common Council on the 28th day of October, 2024 and Approved by the Mayor on the 29th day of October, 2024.



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