

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN'S 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte has an interest in improving organizational capacity, increasing local collaboration and removing or reducing barriers to economic and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community and Economic Development Association of Michigan's (CEDAM) Community Development Fellowship Program is intended to help communities accomplish these same goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is organized in cooperation with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and its Redevelopment Ready Communities program and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte an engaged community in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is also specifically aligned with other local community development initiatives such as the CharlotteRising, Charlotte's Michigan Main Street Select Level organization; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City's application is approved, the program would fund a full-time, contractual community development position (or fellow), based in Charlotte, for 15 months beginning June 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's financial commitment to this position would be \$6,000, half due in April, 2020 and half due in July, 2020, with the balance of funding (approximately \$56,500) provided by CEDAM; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would also be required to join CEDAM, continue its commitment to Redevelopment Ready Communities certification, participate in the recruiting and selection process, and provide office space, supervision and documentation related to the fellowship.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Charlotte hereby authorizes application to the Community and Economic Development Association of Michigan's 2020-2021 Community Development Fellowship Program.