

March 1, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300711

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – GCWW: OEPA and Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Loan to Fund Private Lead Service Line Replacement**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) loan funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (“OWDA”) for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to receive and deposit the loan funds into Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund revenue account no. 312x8569.

WSRLA funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 is available from the OEPA and the OWDA in the form of grant-like principal forgiveness and zero-interest loan funding to public water systems for private lead service line replacement projects. The WSRLA funding is being offered to public water systems at a proportion of 53% principal forgiveness to 47% zero-interest loan funding. The City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) operates a program that aims to replace all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water. Therefore, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$5,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of private lead services lines in the form of up to \$2,650,000 in principal forgiveness and \$2,350,000 in zero-interest loan funding.

This funding will be used for the private lead service line replacements associated with the Bevis, Bonaparte, Clarion; Cappel, Carnation; Clearview, Hermosa; Dayton, Horace, Naehar, Whiteman, Baymiller, York; Dunore, Crooked Stone, Old Ludlow; Kirbert, Oakland, Olive, Enright, Wieman, Terry, Voss, Van Vey McPherson; Lisbon, Girard, Fairhurst; Symmes Fowler; and Ferguson, Kellywood, N. Overlook, Relleum, Rulison, Shirley, West High water main projects as part of GCWW’s water main replacement program, as well as the Beech, Eighth, St. Lawrence, and Jonathan, Ruth, Woodburn, private lead service line branch-only replacement projects.

Assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects is in accordance with the “Sustain” initiative goal to "Become a Healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to

"Create a Healthy Environment and Reduce Energy Consumption" as described on page 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Verna Arnette, GCWW, Interim Executive Director
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Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment