

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x092xARP066, "Accela Program Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds for the Accela program in the Department of Buildings & Inspections during the FY 2022 Budget; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to the newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x092xARP066, "Accela Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds for the Accela program in the Department of Buildings & Inspections during the FY 2022 Budget; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x092xARP066, "Accela Program Expansion," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) Act and additional guidance is forthcoming regarding eligible uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated an increase in the need to apply for and receive permits online; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Accela program is to apply for permits online; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Buildings & Inspections is currently implementing the Accela program and needs additional funds to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated pursuant to this ordinance are being provided to the Department of Buildings & Inspections to continue to implement the Accela program; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x092xARP066, "Accela Program Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds for the Accela program in the Department of Buildings & Inspections during the FY 2022 Budget.

Section 2. That the sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to the newly established American Rescue Plan grant

project account 469x092xARP066, "Accela Program Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds for the Accela program in the Department of Buildings & Inspections during the FY 2022 Budget.

Section 3. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x092xARP066, "Accela Program Expansion," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the Accela program will provide a significant economic benefit and enhancement to the City, which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk