

## **EMERGENCY**

**AEP**

**- 2025**

**AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$76,237.04 from Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248 as a moral obligation to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to stormwater electric services provided to the City from March 18, 2025 to June 19, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Ohio River reached a peak of 60.9 feet which caused the barrier dam to be activated from April 4, 2025 until April 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this activation caused a 180 percent increase in electricity usage; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. invoiced the City \$76,237.04 for stormwater electric services provided from March 18, 2025 to June 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the services were provided under Contract No. GAE 54X25001 between the City and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., but funds were not properly certified to the contract when these services were provided; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Utility did not have sufficient funds appropriated in the FY 2025 Operating Budget to cover the increased expense and properly certify funds; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in the FY 2026 Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248 to pay for the electric services provided by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$76,237.04 to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for the outstanding charges related to stormwater electric services; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$76,273.04 from Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248 as a moral obligation to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to stormwater electric services provided to the City from March 18, 2025 to June 19, 2025.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 make payment to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. in a timely manner for completed services.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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