**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2024 Ohio Law Enforcement Pilot Program: In Canal Hearing Protection Product, to support hearing protection of Cincinnati Police Department officers; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to 94 hearing protection units, valued at up to \$37,506, pursuant to the grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

WHEREAS, a grant for hearing protection products was announced by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services ("OCJS") in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, through the grant, OCJS is disseminating in-canal hearing protection products that can accomplish a minimum noise reduction of 25 decibels and a maximum output of 80 decibels; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds and no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant by pre-registering for the opportunity with OCJS, but no resources will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this award is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

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Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. 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 accept the hearing protection equipment in a timely manner.

Passed:		, 2024	
			Aftab Pureval, Mayor
Attest:	Clerk		