

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of \$910,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) through the EPA Community Grants program funded by Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 66.202) to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit grant funds for public lead service line replacement into Water Works Capital Permanent Improvement Fund revenue account number 756x8547, and grant funds for private lead service line replacement into Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Special Revenue Fund revenue account number 312x8547; and **DECLARING** such expenditures to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) provides funding for water infrastructure through the EPA Community Grants program funded by Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 66.202); and

WHEREAS, EPA Community Grants program funding is awarded through Congressional appropriations in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the annual appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) has a need for additional funding to remove lead service lines throughout its service area; and

WHEREAS, GCWW was approved for a Congressional appropriation by U.S. Representative Greg Landsman in the FY 2024 Federal budget to remove lead service lines throughout GCWW’s service area; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of lead service lines serves the public purpose of protecting public health; and

WHEREAS, replacing lead service lines is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of \$910,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to receive and deposit grant funds for public lead service line replacement into Water Works Capital Permanent Improvement Fund revenue account number 756x8547, and grant funds for private lead service line replacement into Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Special Revenue Fund revenue account number 312x8547.

Section 3. That the expense of replacing private water service lines is declared to serve a public purpose because it will protect the public health.

Section 4. 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 through 2.

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 need to immediately accept the grant and begin work to remove the lead service lines to protect public health.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk