

**EMERGENCY**

**HWS**

**-2024**

**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 \$30,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to replace aging water mains and service lines; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund No. 756x8569.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding in the amount of up to \$30,000,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program that aims to replace aging water mains and service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce leaks and breaks; and

WHEREAS, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$30,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of aging water mains and service lines; and

WHEREAS, the loan funds do not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with acceptance of these loan funds; and

WHEREAS, this funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace aging water mains as part of GCWW’s water main replacement program, which may include: McMillan/Taft/Calhoun; Burch/East Hill/Shaw; Erie Burch; Branch only – Beech/Eighth; Branch only – Jonathan/Ruth; MLK/Bishop/Lakewood; Southern/Hawthorne; Fire Flow 23; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Baker/Bedford/Beechcrest; Lyon/Moerlein/Wheeler; Monastery/St. Gregory – Mt. Adams; and Budd Street; and

WHEREAS, the loan application deadline was September 1, 2024, and the City has applied for the loan, but no loan funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, assisting with the cost of aging water main and service line replacement projects 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 181-186 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 or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$30,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development

Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to replace aging water mains and service lines.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund No. 756x8569.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the loan 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 apply for and obtain loan funding approval in compliance with loan application deadlines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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