

June 15, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602333

Subject: **Ordinance – GCWW: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) to Fund Public and Private Lead Service Line Replacement (B Version)**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000, comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority, to be expended from the Water Works Capital Fund properties budget account no. 756x300x7600 and Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x7200, to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works’ service area; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund 756, “Water Works Capital,” revenue account nos. 756x8569 and 756x8527, as well as, Fund 312, “Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund,” revenue account nos. 312x8569 and 312x8527; and **DECLARING** the expenditures from Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund 312 for private lead service line replacement activities to serve a public purpose.

The B Version of this Ordinance adds a declaration of public purpose. Furthermore, this B Version more accurately labels the following budget accounts: Water Works Capital Fund properties budget account no. 756x300x7600 and Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x7200. Lastly, this B Version more accurately labels the following revenue accounts: Fund 756, “Water Works Capital,” revenue account nos. 756x8569 and 756x8527, as well as, Fund 312, “Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund,” revenue account nos. 312x8569 and 312x8527.

This Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000 comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) service area. The loan does not require matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the loan.

This funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace public and private lead service lines as part of GCWW’s lead line replacement program, which may include the following projects: Burch/East Hill/Shaw; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Fireflow 23/Bethany; Budd St; Plum/Court; Mt. Hope/Warsaw; Alms/Chapel; Bader/Henshaw; Blaesi/Camargo; California Golf Course; Concord-Morgan; Handasyde/Michigan/Perkins; Observatory/Shaw/Linshaw; Samver/Leumas; Vine St; Voll/Stanley; and Waster Hills Feeder Ph2.

Assisting with the cost of public and private lead 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 181–185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment