## E M E R G E N C Y

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**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$10,816.14 from Department of Economic Inclusion Special Events Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 314x281x0000x7299 as a moral obligation to Xavier University for outstanding charges related to the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo.

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Inclusion ("DEI") hosted the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo at Xavier University's Schiff Conference and Banquet Center on Friday, October 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the event included room rentals, audiovisual services, and catering services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 136-2024, passed by Council on May 1, 2024, DEI was authorized to solicit donations to offset expenses related to the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo; and

WHEREAS, although DEI received sufficient donations to cover the cost of the event, donated resources were not encumbered prior to the date the venue was reserved; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the event exceeded the State of Ohio's \$3,000 threshold for purchases requiring a certification, necessitating a moral obligation payment; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Special Events Fund 314 for this outstanding payment to Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, DEI staff subsequently have been trained on proper accounting rules and regulations to ensure a similar situation does not occur in the future; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$10,816.14 to Xavier University for DEI's use of its services related to the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo; 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 \$10,816.14 from Department of Economic Inclusion Special Events Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 314x281x0000x7299 as a moral obligation to Xavier University for outstanding charges related to the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo.

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 pay Xavier University for outstanding charges related to the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo in a timely manner.

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

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk