

December 3, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Moral Obligation Payment to
Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$61,792.64 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Fund 101 non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x307x1020x7212 to Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless as a moral obligation for wireless phone services provided to the City between the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2025, and October 14, 2025.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$61,792.64 from the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) Water Works Fund 101 non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x307x1020x7212 to Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless as a moral obligation for wireless phone services provided to the City between the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2025, and October 14, 2025. Due to a complex account structure, the scope of required account reviews, and staffing issues, the City did not certify funds to the contract for FY 2026 sufficiently in advance of the end of the fiscal year, but Contractor provided the required services continuously. Funds have since been certified properly for the remainder of FY 2026. The Contractor, Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless, has invoiced the City \$61,792.64 for services provided between the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2025, and October 14, 2025. Sufficient funds are available in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Fund 101 non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x307x1020x7212 to pay Contractor for the services rendered.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment