

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 \$13,000,000, comprised of \$6,890,000 in principal forgiveness and \$6,110,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding of up to \$13,000,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority in the form of grant-like principal forgiveness and zero-interest loan funding to public water systems for public and private lead service line replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program that aims to replace all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water; and

WHEREAS, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$13,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of public and private lead service lines in the form of up to \$6,890,000 in principal forgiveness and \$6,110,000 in zero-interest loan funding; and

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

WHEREAS, 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: Branch only – Jonathan/Ruth; Southern/Hawthorne; Fire Flow 23; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Baker/Bedford/Beechcrest; Lyon/Moerlein/Wheeler; Monastery/St. Gregory – Mt. Adams; Budd Street; Bayard; Mt. Hope/Warsaw; Plum/Court; Branch only – Fairmount; Kling Avenue service line replacement; Harrison Avenue – Cora to Fairmount service line replacement; and Lower Price Hill and East Price Hill Private lead service line replacement; and

WHEREAS, 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); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to {00421626-4}

\$13,000,000, comprised of \$6,890,000 in principal forgiveness and \$6,110,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area.

Section 2. The Director of Finance is authorized to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the funding and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk