

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance –Water Service Agreement with Western Water

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Western Water Company (“Western Water”) for wholesale water service for a period of twenty years.

The City and Western Water are parties to a water service agreement dated December 12, 1996, for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) to provide wholesale water service for its retail customer in rural portions of Brown, Clinton, Clermont, and Warren Counties. This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to terminate the current agreement and enter into a new agreement for a 20 year-term with an updated billing rate. The continued sale of surplus water by GCWW to Western Water will benefit existing Cincinnati customers by spreading and reducing the unit base cost to produce water across a larger customer base.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Interim Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works