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An Ordinance No. 224

- 2026

PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from the General Fund 050 in the amount of \$593,289,560 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, representing of the Recommended FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,522,340 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2027 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$2,340,180 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP") in the amount of \$1,182,160; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$22,868,310 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,007,960 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$160,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA) Fund 748 to provide resources for Contribution to Total Benefit Arrangement payments; **AMENDING** the sections of Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees to constitute the new classification and salary range schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 21, 2026; **REVISING** the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index adjustment of two and four-tenths percent applied to fees charged for services related to property permitting and maintenance; and **AUTHORIZING** the Department of City Planning and Engagement ("DCPE") to adjust fees charged for certain services for planning-related functions and in administering the Cincinnati Zoning Code to allow the DCPE to recover a higher portion of its true cost of the services provided.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate resources from the General Fund for the purposes set forth herein to provide for the usual daily operations of various departments of the City during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Recommended FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update includes a three percent wage adjustment for Non-Represented Employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 152-2017, passed June 21, 2017, authorized the Department of Buildings and Inspections to collect fees for services related to permitting and property maintenance according to an established fee schedule to augment the Department's ability to ensure the safety and maintenance of buildings, to provide enhanced services, and to improve its technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Recommended FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update, it is necessary to adjust the fees charged by the Department of Buildings and Inspections by two and four-tenths percent based on the annual consumer price index adjustment for calendar year 2025 to ensure that the fees charged reasonably account for increased costs of service delivery due to inflationary increases and to continue to allow the department to accomplish the purposes intended; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning and Engagement (“DCPE”) provides certain services for City planning-related functions and in administering the Cincinnati Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the DCPE actual costs to provide certain services, the DCPE determined that an increase to various fees is necessary to recover a higher portion of the true costs of the services being provided; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$593,289,560 is appropriated out of the monies in the treasury or any accruing revenues of the City available for such purposes to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City from the General Fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as set forth in the attached Schedule of Appropriation, Schedule 1.

Section 2. That \$3,522,340 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City’s FY 2027 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$2,340,180 and related to the Early Retirement Incentive Program (“ERIP”) in the amount of \$1,182,160.

Section 3. That \$22,868,310 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department.

Section 4. That \$1,007,960 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative.

Section 5. That \$18,430 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP.

Section 6. That \$160,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA) Fund 748 to provide resources for Contributions to Total Benefit Arrangement payments.

Section 7. That Chapter 307, “Classified Compensation Schedules,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is amended for employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9, as indicated on the Non-Represented Salary Schedule, attached as Attachment A, reflecting a three percent adjustment for each classification.

Section 8. That the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule related to property permitting and maintenance, which Council authorized in Ordinance No. 152-2017, is revised as reflected in the Fee Schedule attached as Attachment B, which increases the current fees by two and four-tenths percent for FY 2027 based on the annual consumer price index adjustment based on calendar year 2025 inflation.

Section 9. The Department of City Planning and Engagement is authorized to assess and charge the following fees for the following planning- and zoning-related services, effective as of July 1, 2026:

- a) Processing and Administration of Notwithstanding Ordinance Applications Related to the Cincinnati Zoning Code.....\$2,500
- b) Processing and Administration of Text Amendment Applications Related to the Cincinnati Zoning Code.....\$2,500
- c) Processing and Administration of Zone Map Amendment Applications Related to the Cincinnati Zoning Code\$2,500
- d) Processing and Administration of Applications for the Establishment of Planned Development Concept Plans.....\$5,000

e) Processing and Administration of Applications for Major Amendments to Planned Development Concept Plans.....\$5,000

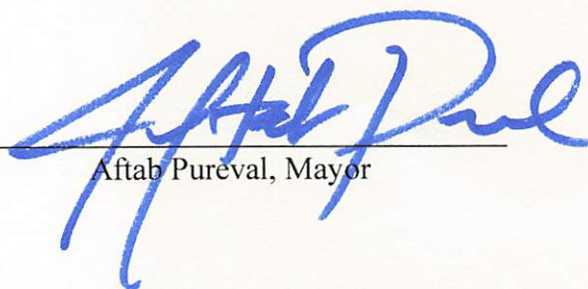
Section 10. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 9.

Section 11. That the effective date of Section 7 shall be June 21, 2026.

Section 12. That the effective date of Sections 1 through 6 and Sections 8 and 9 shall be July 1, 2026.

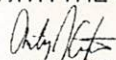
Section 13. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2027, which begins on July 1, 2026, for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati.

Passed: June 17, 2026


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 224-2026
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 4/30/2022


CLERK OF COUNCIL