

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion (“Department”) to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City’s 2026 Business Enterprise Expo; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314; and **AUTHORIZING** the Department to hold resources donated pursuant to this ordinance, which exceed the total 2026 Business Enterprise Expo expenses, in Special Events Fund 314 to be utilized for future business development events hosted by the Department.

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Inclusion (“Department”) is in the early stages of planning the 2026 Business Enterprise Expo, which the Department will tentatively host in the fall of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Business Enterprise Expo will allow Department-certified businesses (subcontractors) to meet larger businesses (prime contractors) within the City, promote peer-to-peer networking, and strengthen the relationship between the Department and the City’s business community; and

WHEREAS, the Department also will recruit new businesses at the 2026 Business Enterprise Expo; and

WHEREAS, the Department has hosted four previous Business Enterprise Expos, all of which had over 300 attendees, including business participants and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Department works with event sponsors and donors to coordinate the best use of donated resources; and

WHEREAS, any resources donated pursuant to this ordinance, which exceed the total 2026 Business Enterprise Expo expenses, will be held in Special Events Fund 314 to be utilized for future business development events hosted by the Department; and

WHEREAS, soliciting and accepting donations for the 2026 Business Enterprise Expo is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-211 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 and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion (“Department”) are authorized to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind

contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City's 2026 Business Enterprise Expo.

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Section 3. That the Department is authorized to hold resources donated pursuant to this ordinance, which exceed the total 2026 Business Enterprise Expo expenses, in Special Events Fund 314 to be utilized for future business development events hosted by the Department.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Section 1 through 3.

Section 5. 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 solicit donations and sponsorships for the planning and coordination of the 2026 Business Enterprise Expo.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk