



EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 341

- 2025

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (“the Port”) to provide one-time operational support to expand the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) Voluntary Action Program Urban Setting Designation (“VAP USD”) in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend up to \$116,400 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide one-time operational support to the Port for the expansion of the OEPA VAP USD in Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose by promoting brownfield revitalization in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (“the Port”) is a public agency that works cooperatively with state agencies and local governments to promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Port intends to work toward the expansion of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) Voluntary Action Program Urban Setting Designation (“VAP USD”) in Cincinnati, which allows all properties within the designated area to conduct environmental assessments and cleanups more efficiently and cost-effectively, thereby accelerating brownfield revitalization; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 222-2025, which authorized the expenditure of \$150,000 as a local match for Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation grants for which the Port had applied; these resources will no longer be used as a grant match, but will be provided directly to the Port to support brownfield revitalization efforts within Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, providing one-time operational support to the Port for the expansion of the OEPA VAP USD benefits Cincinnati residents by reducing barriers to brownfield revitalization in Cincinnati and unlocking the potential for economic development in brownfield-dense areas; and

WHEREAS, providing one-time operational support to the Port to support the expansion of the OEPA VAP USD in Cincinnati 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 is authorized to execute a funding agreement with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (“the Port”) to provide one-time operational support

to expand the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") Voluntary Action Program Urban Setting Designation ("VAP USD") in Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to expend up to \$116,400 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide one-time operational support to the Port for OEPA VAP USD in Cincinnati.

Section 3. That providing one-time operational support to the Port is declared to serve a public purpose by promoting brownfield revitalization in Cincinnati.

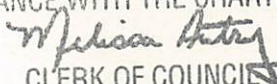
Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 3.

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 execute a funding agreement to provide one-time operational support to the Port at the earliest possible time.

Passed: October 29, 2025

Attest: 
Acting Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 341-2025
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 11/11/2025

CLERK OF COUNCIL