

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602501

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Fire: Then & Now Payment to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$262,539.29 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7289 to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. for billing services provided on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department between August 2025 and November 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes a payment of \$262,539.29 to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7289 for billing services provided on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department between August 2025 and November 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

On December 1, 2020, the City entered into an agreement with Change Healthcare LLC to provide billing and collection services on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department for emergency medical service runs. The Fire Department certified funds to the contract for Fiscal Year 2026, but due to unexpected increases in emergency services run volume, the billed charges for services were greater than the amounts certified against the contract. In addition to increased charges, Change Healthcare LLC also legally changed their name to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. The new name and Employer Identification Number (EIN) were not updated in City's vendor portal until February 2026, preventing the Fire Department from increasing the certification and necessitating a then and now payment.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance issued the attached certificate, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment