

January 12, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200055

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Accept and Appropriate Attorney Fees from *City of Cincinnati v. FirstEnergy, et. al.***

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the acceptance and deposit into General Fund Revenue account 050x8932 of \$35,750 as payment for attorney fees related to litigation in the *City of Cincinnati v. FirstEnergy, et. al.* court case; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$35,750 to the Law Department's General Fund 050 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for legal expenses.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the acceptance and deposit of \$35,750 received by the City from FirstEnergy Corporation for payment of attorney fees incurred litigating in the *City of Cincinnati v. FirstEnergy, et. al.* court case as part of a settlement. The funds will be deposited into General Fund Revenue account no. 050x8932.

Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$35,750 to the Law Department's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 as the Law Department has a need for outside counsel legal expenses.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to authorize the necessary appropriations to ensure that the funds are available immediately.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment