

June 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) to Fund Public and Private Lead Service Line Replacement

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000, comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environment Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority, to be expended from the Water Works non-personnel budget account no. 756x300x7600 and 312x300x7200, to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works' service area; and AUTHORIZING, the Director of Finance to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund Numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000 comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) service area. The loan does not require matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the loan.

This funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace public and private lead service lines as part of GCWW's lead line replacement program, which may include the following projects: Burch/East Hill/Shaw; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Fireflow 23/Bethany; Budd St; Plum/Court; Mt. Hope/Warsaw; Alms/Chapel; Bader/Henshaw; Blaesi/Camargo; California Golf Course; Concord-Morgan; Handasyde/Michigan/Perkins; Observatory/Shaw/Linshaw; Samver/Leumas; Vine St; Voll/Stanley; and Waster Hills Feeder Ph2.

Assisting with the cost of public and private lead service line replacement projects 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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works