

October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 202402181

CC: Natasha S. Hampton, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Amending Cincinnati Municipal Code-SMU Deputy

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**MODIFYING** Title VII, “General Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Sections 720-1-01, “Order,” Section 720-3, “Organization of Utility Division,” Section 720-7, “Erosion, Siltation, Sedimentation, and Improper of Illicit Discharge,” 720-13, “Private Facilities,” 720-17, “Ancillary Improvements,” 720-19, “Routine and Remedial Maintenance,” 720-23, “Rules and Regulations,” 720-27, “Master Plan,” 720-29, “Permits and Plan Review,” 720-31, “Application for Permit,” 720-33, “Permits Issued,” 720-35, “Permit Limitations,” 720-37, “Permit and Inspection Fees,” 720-39, “Posting of Permit,” 720-41, “Revocation of Permit,” 720-43, “Inspection and Surveillance,” 720-44, “Prohibition of Illicit Discharges and Connections,” 720-45, “Notice of Violations,” 720-53, “Storm Drainage Service Charge,” 720-61, “Rates,” 720-69, “Notice To Correct Drainage,” 720-71, “Emergencies and Abatement,” 720-73, “Abatement Costs,” and 720-99, “Penalties,” for the purpose of vesting administrative authority for the Stormwater Management Utility in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility.

It is necessary to amend certain sections of Chapter 720 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to vest the Deputy Director with administrative authority over SMU and leadership over the City’s stormwater services to elevate the importance of stormwater management above the division level to work directly and more effectively with other departments, outside agencies, the public, and City leadership; increase the planning and strategic management of stormwater investments, and improve service to Cincinnati stormwater customers.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to amend the Cincinnati Municipal Code to vest administrative authority in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility prior to the commencement of his employment in November 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works