

October 14, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager

PM 202001878

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cell Tower Lease Revenues Transferred to HELP Program

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the deposit into Fund No. 312, “Private Lead Service Line Replacement,” of one-third of all future payments on the lease between the City of Cincinnati and T-Mobile Central LLC dated July 3, 2007 (75x1030) (“Wardall Lease”) for location of cellular communications equipment on the City telecommunications tower located at the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) Wardall water tower site; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 101, “Water Works,” into Fund No. 312 account 2140 of the year-to-date amounts of the GCWW share of payments already made for FY 2021 on the Wardall Lease, totaling approximately \$3,325.55 through October 2020, for the purpose of assisting qualified, low-income residential property owners with the cost of private lead service line replacement through GCWW’s Help Eliminate Lead Pipes (“HELP”) Program.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the deposit into Fund No. 312, “Private Lead Service Line Replacement,” one-third of all future payments on the lease between the City of Cincinnati and T-Mobile Central LLC dated July 3, 2007 (75x1030) (“Wardall Lease”) for location of cellular communications equipment on the City telecommunications tower located at the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) Wardall water tower site. This Ordinance also authorizes the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 101, “Water Works,” into Fund No. 312 account 2140 of the year-to-date amounts of the GCWW share of payments already made for FY 2021 on the Wardall Lease, totaling approximately \$3,325.55 through October 2020. The transfer is for the purpose of assisting qualified, low-income residential property owners with the cost of private lead service line replacement through GCWW’s HELP Eliminate Lead Pipes (“HELP”) Program.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Provide a full spectrum of housing options and improve housing quality and affordability” and strategy to “Provide healthy housing for all income levels,” as described on pages 165-168 of Plan Cincinnati (2012), and with the “Sustain” goal to “Become a healthier

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Cincinnati” and the strategy to “Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 182-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make the transferred amounts available to provide financial assistance to low-income residential property owners for private lead service line replacement in connection with water main replacement projects already in progress in order to protect the residents of the property from the risk of lead exposure and prevent delays to public service projects.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment

