



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final-revised

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Monday, October 6, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SOPEC ELECTRIC PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

PRESENTATION

Energy Aggregation & SOPEC

Ollie Kroner, Director, Office of Environment and Sustainability

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL

1. [202501777](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") and act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts; and **APPROVING** the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment](#)

MOTION

2. [202501820](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the City

Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to provide updates on all projects that were recommended funding as part of the FY26/27 biennium budget. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Motion 001](#)

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

3. [202501794](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

Sponsors: City Manager

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[Ordinance](#)

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Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

5. [202501604](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

6. [202501795](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)

CANNABIS TAX REVENUE

7. [202501796](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)

RIGHT-OF-WAY

8. [202501802](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property as Langston Street, a public right-of-way for street purposes in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)
 [Attachment I](#)
 [Attachment II](#)

PAYMENTS

9. [202501849](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/6/2025, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

PRESENTATION

10. [202501856](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 10/6/2025, regarding the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) presentation on Energy Aggregation & SOPEC for the Public Hearing on the SOPEC Electric Plan of Operation and Governance for the City of Cincinnati to be held at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on October 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[PRESENTATION](#)

ADJOURNMENT

September 24, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501777

Subject: Ordinance – SOPEC Membership

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") and act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts; and **APPROVING** the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 271-2025 authorizing the scheduling of two public hearings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4928.20 to consider the Plan of Operation and Governance (the "Plan") for the Electric Service Aggregation Program sponsored by the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC"); and

WHEREAS, the two public hearings were conducted, and Council has reviewed the Plan and the SOPEC Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 270-2011, passed August 3, 2011, authorizes the City Manager to exercise the authority granted by voters jointly with other political subdivisions of the State of Ohio and to execute and deliver any necessary agreements with such other political subdivisions to establish an Electric Service Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, Council finds it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to join the SOPEC and to authorize the City Manager to participate in the SOPEC aggregation program when it is advantageous to the City and its residents; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements and take any action necessary for the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC"), including but not limited to entering into the Amended and Restated Agreement Establishing the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council) ("SOPEC Agreement") substantially in the form as attached, to implement the City's participation in the SOPEC's Electric Service Aggregation Programs and any additional programs referenced in the Plan as the City Manager determines is in the best interests of the City, its residents, and businesses.

Section 2. That the Plan of Operation and Governance (the "Plan") for the Electric Service Aggregation Program sponsored by the SOPEC is approved.

Section 3. That the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing the SOPEC (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council) are adopted and approved.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6, of the Charter, be effective immediately.

Joining SOPEC supports the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan 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 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012). The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the City to achieve greater savings for the City's electric customers as soon as possible. The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Oliver Kroner, Director, Office of Environment and Sustainability
John S. Brazina, Interim Assistant City Manager

EMERGENCY

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- 2025

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Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHING THE
SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL
(DBA SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL)

This AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of October 8, 2014, as amended and restated as of July 20, 2023 ("Agreement"), by and among the political subdivisions identified below.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 provides that the governing bodies of two or more political subdivisions may enter into an agreement establishing a regional council of governments for purposes that include promoting cooperative agreements and contracts among members and other governmental agencies and private persons, corporations, or agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the services to be made available to and by the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council), also referred to herein as "SOPEC," it is agreed by and between the Members of SOPEC and any additional political subdivisions that may hereafter become Members as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

Definitions of terms used in this Agreement and Amended and Restated Bylaws ("Bylaws") are set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

Section 2. Name.

The name of the council of regional governments that comprises all Members shall be the "Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council," which also may do business under one or more trade names, including the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council.

Section 3. Members.

Members of SOPEC shall be set forth on Exhibit B hereto, and shall include any other political subdivisions which become members of SOPEC pursuant to Bylaws established pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement. Each Member shall have one representative to the Assembly, as further set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 4. Purpose: The Aggregation Programs; Additional Programs of the Council.

The purpose of this Agreement is to allow Members to collectively pursue the benefits of the Aggregation Programs and Additional Programs of the Council that the Council may establish. The Council may negotiate and enter into all necessary programs, contracts and take any necessary and incidental actions to effect and carry out the purposes of the Aggregation Programs for the benefit of the Members and their respective electricity and natural gas consumers. The Members will act jointly through the Council to establish and implement the Aggregation Programs and the Board of Directors may establish Additional Programs of the Council, as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 5. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year for SOPEC shall be the twelve month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Section 6. Adoption of Bylaws.

Within ninety (90) days of adoption of this Agreement, Members shall meet for the purpose of adopting Bylaws of SOPEC. The Bylaws shall address the purposes of SOPEC, its governance, addition and withdrawal of members, adding new programs, and other governance issues including SOPEC's decision-making process and the designation of its fiscal agent.

Section 7. Withdrawal and Inclusion of Members.

All issues pertaining to the withdrawal of existing Members or inclusion of new Members shall be governed by the Bylaws.

Section 8. Amendments.

This Agreement may be amended subject to the majority vote of the signatory Members to the Agreement, until the adoption of Bylaws pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement, at which time all amendments to this Agreement will be subject to the provisions set forth in the Bylaws.

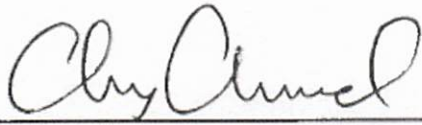
Section 9. Term and Termination.

It is the intention of the Members that this Agreement shall continue for an indefinite term, but may be terminated subject to the provisions set forth in the Bylaws.

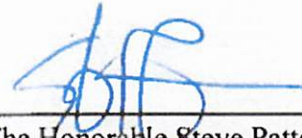
Section 10. Effective Date.

This Agreement shall take effect initially this 8th day of October, 2014, as amended and restated effective July 20, 2023. This Agreement, as amended, may be signed in separate counterparts on behalf of one, or more than one, of the Members, and may be signed

electronically, without the necessity for any one counterpart to be signed on behalf of all Members.



The Honorable Chris Chmiel,
Athens County Commissioner
Chairman of the Board of Directors



The Honorable Steve Patterson
Mayor of Athens
Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A

As used in this Agreement and in the Bylaws the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Additional Program” means any other cooperative program the Council may establish, with approval of the Council’s Board of Directors, under an Additional Program Agreement.

“Additional Program Agreement” means any agreement among some or all Members, and such non-members as may be permitted to participate, establishing an Additional Program in accordance with Section 9 of the Bylaws.

“Additional Program Costs” means, with respect to any Additional Program of the Council, all costs incurred by the Council or the Fiscal Agent of the Council, in connection with the activities and operations of that Additional Program, as defined in the corresponding Additional Program Agreement; provided, however, that no Member shall be assessed Additional Program Costs if the Member is not participating in such Additional Program.

“Advisory Committee” means any committee established by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Bylaws to advise the Board of Directors or the Fiscal Agent with respect to the management and operation of any Program. The Board of Directors shall define the duties of each Advisory Committee.

“Aggregation Costs” means all costs incurred by the Council or by the Fiscal Agent in connection with the activities and operation of the Council for the Aggregation Programs; provided, however, that no Member shall be assessed Aggregation Costs unless such assessment is imposed on all Members and unanimously approved by all impacted Members at a meeting of the Assembly.

“Aggregation Fund” means the fund established and maintained by the Fiscal Agent of the Council as a separate fund pursuant to Section 10 of the Bylaws, into which the Fiscal Agent shall deposit any and all moneys contributed by the Members for Aggregation Costs of the Council, if any.

“Aggregation Programs” means the cooperative programs for the benefit of the Members acting as governmental aggregators to arrange for the purchase of electricity by electric customers and natural gas by natural gas customers in the political subdivisions that join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council), pursuant to the terms of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4928.20 and 4929.26, and this Agreement.

“Agreement” means this agreement, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented in accordance with Section 8 hereof.

“Assembly” means the legislative body of the Council established pursuant to, and having those powers and duties enumerated in, the Bylaws.

“Bylaws” means the regulations adopted by the Council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 167.04 and this Agreement, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented in accordance with Section 13 thereof.

“Council” means the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (DBA Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council) established by this Agreement.

“Fiscal Agent” means the person or organization designated by the Members of the Council to receive, deposit, invest, and disburse funds contributed by the Members or otherwise received by the Council, for the operation of the Council and its Programs, in accordance with this Agreement, the Bylaws and any applicable Program Agreement. The Council may serve as its own Fiscal Agent.

“Fiscal Year” means the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

“Member” means any municipal corporation, county, township, or any other political subdivision under the laws of the State of Ohio which pursuant to duly adopted legislation, has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name, which Member shall be listed on Exhibit B hereof, including any additional municipal corporation, county, township, or any other political subdivision under the laws of the state of Ohio which has caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance therewith, and has not withdrawn from the Council pursuant to this Agreement or the Bylaws.

“Program” means an Aggregation Program or any Additional Program.

EXHIBIT B

Current List of SOPEC Member Communities & Political Subdivisions

Athens County

Athens County

City of Athens

Village of Albany

Village of Amesville

Village of Buchtel

Village of Chauncey

Village of Jacksonville

Village of Trimble

Columbiana County

Unity Township

Cuyahoga County

City of Cleveland

Franklin County

Blendon Township

City of Gahanna

City of Upper Arlington

Village of Marble Cliff

Gallia County

City of Gallipolis

Village of Rio Grande

Greene County

Village of Yellow Springs

Hocking County

City of Logan

Lucas County

Village of Whitehouse

Meigs County

Village of Racine

Montgomery County

City of Dayton

City of Huber Heights

City of Riverside

Morgan County

Village of Chesterhill

Village of McConnelsville

Muskingum County

Village of New Concord

Village of Norwich

Perry County

Village of Glenford

Village of Hemlock

Village of New Straitsville

Village of Shawnee

Village of Somerset

Pike County

Village of Piketon

Washington County

City of Belpre

Village of Lowell

Political Subdivisions

Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District

Dayton Metro Library

Five Rivers MetroParks

Hocking Conservancy District

MetroParks of Butler County

Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

Syracuse Racine Regional Sewer District

NEW MEMBER ATTACHMENT FOR AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL
(DBA SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL) ("SOPEC")

Approved by the City Manager,

this ____ day of _____, 2025

Sheryl M. M. Long
City Manager, City of Cincinnati



2025019-20

Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

September 29th, 2025

MOTION – Quarterly Updates on Cincy on Track Projects

WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to provide updates on all projects that were recommended funding as part of the FY26/27 biennium budget. This report should include all active projects, future projects, and estimated completion dates.

FURTHER WE MOVE that a quarterly update be provided to the Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee by the City Administration regarding the requests afore mentioned.

STATEMENT

In 2023, Cincinnati voters approved the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. Since then, this Council and the City Administration have worked in partnership to usher those funds into the community in the FY26 budget. This was the first time since the sale the funds have been used.

However, in a goal to improve transparency of those funds and the projects of which they are direct toward; we ask that the administration provide an update within 30 days and consistently bring updates to this Council via the Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee regarding the status of all projects.

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202501794

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Health: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

Grant resources of up to \$3,960,000 will be utilized in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to help identify and fix lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned homes, whether they are owner-occupied or rental units. Additionally, grant resources of up to \$240,000 will be utilized in the Healthy Homes program to identify and address other health and safety hazards in the same homes being treated for lead hazards.

The City applied for the grant on August 15, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, but it does require a ten percent local match of up to \$420,000, which will be provided as an in-kind match of staff time.

Remediating lead-based health and safety hazards in homes throughout Cincinnati is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment



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WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$4,200,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes Production Grant program to help communities like Cincinnati identify and remediate housing-related health and safety hazards, including lead-based paint and other risks, to create safer and healthier homes for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, up to \$3,960,000 of grant funds will be utilized in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to help identify and fix lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned homes, whether they are owner-occupied or rental units; and

WHEREAS, up to \$240,000 of grant funds will be utilized in the Healthy Homes program to identify and address other health and safety hazards in the same homes being treated for lead hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the grant on August 15, 2025, but no funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a ten percent local match of up to \$420,000, which will be provided as an in-kind match of staff time; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, remediating lead-based health and safety hazards in homes throughout Cincinnati is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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Section 3. That the proper City Officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202501797

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Parks: Lytle Park Comfort Station Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept grant resources of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, “Lytle Park Comfort Station,” to provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$57,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, “Lytle Park Comfort Station,” to provide resources for a comfort station at Lytle Park.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The City Manager to accept grant resources of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park;
2. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Parks Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326;
3. The establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, “Lytle Park Comfort Station,” to provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park; and
4. The transfer and appropriation of \$57,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to the newly established capital improvement program project account.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park aligns with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

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cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
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WHEREAS, the Parks Department applied for and was awarded a grant of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park aligns with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant resources of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326.

Section 3. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, “Lytle Park Comfort Station,” is established to provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park.

Section 4. That the transfer and appropriation of \$57,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to newly established

capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, “Lytle Park Comfort Station,” is authorized to provide resources for a comfort station at Lytle Park.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

October 1, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

202501604

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CMO: In-Kind Office Space Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District (CBD) and/or Over-the-Rhine (OTR) neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

The space will serve as a welcoming, accessible hub where community members can connect directly with the City violence reduction efforts, services, and programs. The space will function as both a community living room and an operational base for staff, partners, and outreach teams, providing consistent presence, relationship-building, and problem-solving in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods.

Accepting this in-kind donation does not require new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching resources.

Accepting the donation of office space to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to utilize the donated office space to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

WHEREAS, the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, will be donated to the City by the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites; and

WHEREAS, the donated space will serve as a welcoming, accessible hub where community members can connect directly with City violence reduction efforts, services, and programs, and will function as both a community living room and an operational base for staff, partners, and outreach teams, providing consistent presence, relationship-building, and problem-solving in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, accepting this in-kind donation does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, accepting an in-kind donation of office space to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to utilize the donated office space to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts as soon as possible.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202501795

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Enterprise Services: FY 2026 Parking
Meter Fund 303 Outdoor Dining Budget Adjustment**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

In 2020, the City instituted an outdoor dining “parklet” program, which allowed local businesses to expand their business operations into the public right-of-way in certain approved locations previously used as street parking spaces. In 2025, the City established an annual fee to cover the costs of management and oversight related to the parklet program, with the fee revenue collected and deposited into Parking Meter Fund 303.

The City contracted with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (“3CDC”) to oversee the use and management of the parklets. 3CDC performs management and oversight services, including maintaining and repairing the outdoor dining areas located in the parklets. The Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget requires an adjustment to meet the operational needs due to the revenue collected.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to adjust appropriations to meet operational needs due to revenue collected for these services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City instituted an outdoor dining “parklet” program that allowed local businesses to expand their operations into the public right-of-way in certain approved locations previously used as street parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City established an annual fee to provide resources for management and oversight of the parklet program, with the fee revenue deposited into Parking Meter Fund 303; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (“3CDC”) to oversee use and management of the parklets; and

WHEREAS, 3CDC performs management and oversight services, including maintaining and repairing the outdoor dining areas located in the parklets; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget requires adjustment to meet operational needs due to the revenue collected; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 is authorized to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to adjust appropriations to meet operational needs due to revenue collected for these services.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202501796

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Finance: Cannabis Tax Revenue from the State of Ohio

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

In 2023, Ohio voters approved a ballot initiative legalizing the sale, possession, and use of recreational cannabis by adults. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3780.22, the State of Ohio levies a ten percent tax on the consumer sale of marijuana.

As a designated host community, the City of Cincinnati is entitled to receive thirty-six percent of the tax revenue generated by adult-use dispensaries operating within its jurisdiction. Payments to municipalities are scheduled for disbursement at the end of the month following each calendar-year quarter, as outlined in Ohio Auditor of State Bulletin 2025-003. These funds may be used by the City for any approved purpose and are therefore considered General Fund revenue.

Accepting and depositing Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

WHEREAS, in 2023, Ohio voters approved a ballot initiative authorizing the sale, possession, and use of recreational cannabis by adults; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. Section 3780.22, the State of Ohio levies a ten percent tax on the consumer sale of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, as a host community, the City is entitled to receive 36 percent of the tax revenue generated by adult-use dispensaries in the City of Cincinnati from the State of Ohio (“Cannabis Tax revenue”); and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Auditor of State Bulletin 2025-003, payments to municipalities will be made at the end of the month following each calendar year quarter; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used by the City for any approved purpose, and are therefore considered General Fund revenue; and

WHEREAS, accepting and depositing Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Date: October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202501802

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: ORDINANCE – ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING DEDICATION OF THE A PORTION
OF LANGSTON STREET

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property as Langston Street, a public right-of-way for street purposes in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

The City of Cincinnati has dedicated to public use approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as a portion of the Langston Street public right-of-way.

The Office of the City Engineer has examined the Dedication Plat as to its technical features and found it to be correct.

The City Planning Commission approved the Dedication Plat at its meeting on April 4, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I – Dedication Plat

Attachment II – Legal Description

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering

DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property as Langston Street, a public right-of-way for street purposes in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, an Ohio political subdivision (“County”), by and through its duly authorized representative, desires to dedicate to public use an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property (“Dedication Property”) as Langston Street as public right-of-way for street purposes by a plat attached to this ordinance as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference (“Dedication Plat”); and

WHEREAS, Roger E. Friedmann, a reputable attorney practicing in Hamilton County, Ohio, has provided an Attorney’s Certificate of Title dated March 14, 2025, certifying that the County holds title to the Dedication Property depicted on the Dedication Plat in fee simple, with full power to convey, subject to certain encumbrances, including real estate taxes not yet due and payable, and that the Law Department’s Real Estate Services Division has reviewed the encumbrances and Dedication Plat and found that the County has made satisfactory provision for the subordination of any encumbrances and payment of all real estate taxes and assessments; and

WHEREAS, the office of the City Engineer has examined and checked the Dedication Plat as to its technical features and found it to be correct; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission approved the Dedication Plat and the dedication of Langston Street to public use as public right-of-way for street purposes at its meeting on April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the City Manager, upon consultation with the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering, recommends that Council accept and confirm the dedication of the Dedication Property as the Langston Street public right-of-way for street purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property in Over-the-Rhine as the Langston Street public right-of-way for street purposes, as depicted on the plat attached to this ordinance as Attachment A (Dedication Plat) and incorporated herein by reference and described more particularly in the legal description attached to this ordinance as Attachment B (Legal Description), is hereby accepted and confirmed.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the terms of this ordinance, including without limitation the execution of any and all ancillary agreements, deeds, plats, or other real estate documents, as deemed necessary or appropriate by the City Manager.

Section 3. That the City Solicitor shall cause an authenticated copy of this ordinance to be filed with the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor's Office and recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk



ATTACHMENT B

Legal Description 0.081 Acres Langston Street Dedication

Situated in Section 13, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, BTM, Millcreek Township, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, being part of a 0.996 acre tract of land conveyed to the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio in O.R. 15009 Pg. 761, the boundary of which being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a mag nail set in the east right of way line of Central Parkway, being N09°53'42"W a distance of 125.16 feet from the intersection with the north right of way line of Elder Street;

Thence along said east right of way line, N09°53'42"W a distance of 35.00 feet to a mag nail found at the southwest corner of a 0.277 acre (deed) tract of land conveyed to Logan Towers Limited Partnership in O.R. 14016 Pg. 1396;

Thence along the south line of said 0.277 acre (deed) tract of land, N80°02'08"E a distance of 100.19 feet to a magnail found in the west right of way line of Logan Street;

Thence along the west right of way line of Logan Street, S09°53'43"E a distance of 35.00 feet to a cross notch found in the north line of the aforementioned 0.996 acre (deed) tract

Thence through said 0.996 acre tract, along the proposed south right of way line, S80°02'08"W a distance of 100.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.081 acres of land, more or less and being subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way record.

Bearings are based on the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System South Zone as derived from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Virtual Reference Stationing System (VRS)(NAD 83)

The above description is based on a field survey performed by The Kleingers Group in July 2021 under the direct supervision of Matthew D. Habedank, Ohio Professional Surveyor No. 8611.

Matthew D. Habedank
Ohio Professional Surveyor No. 8611

3/08/2022
Date



October 6, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

202501849

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Health Department: Moral
Obligation Payment to Companies By Design, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July 2023 and October 2023. Sufficient existing resources are available to make the payment.

In 2023, the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”) engaged Companies By Design, LLC, following a competitive procurement process, to perform lead remediation services. However, CHD prematurely issued a notice to proceed before executing a formal contract and encumbering the necessary funds. Companies By Design, LLC provided lead remediation services to the City from July 2023 through October 2023.

To prevent this from recurring in the future, CHD staff will be re-trained to ensure third party services may not be provided prior to the execution of a contract and encumbrance of funds.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Companies By Design, LLC for outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

WHEREAS, in 2023, after a competitive procurement process, the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”) engaged Companies By Design, LLC (“Contractor”) to perform lead remediation services; and

WHEREAS, CHD prematurely issued Contractor a notice to proceed, prior to executing the contract and encumbering funds; and

WHEREAS, Contractor provided lead remediation services to the City between July and October 2023 pursuant to the notice to proceed; and

WHEREAS, to prevent this from reoccurring in the future, CHD staff will be re-trained to ensure third party services are not provided prior to executing a contract and encumbering funds; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to pay Contractor for the services rendered; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$86,155 to Contractor for expenses incurred for outstanding charges related to lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Companies By Design, LLC for outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

October 6, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

202501856

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Presentation – OES: Energy Aggregation & SOPEC

Attached is the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) presentation on Energy Aggregation & SOPEC for the Public Hearing on the SOPEC Electric Plan of Operation and Governance for the City of Cincinnati to be held at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on October 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

cc: William “Billy” Weber, Assistant City Manager
Cathy B. Bailey, Interim Assistant City Manager
John Brazina, Interim Assistant City Manager



Energy Aggregation & SOPEC

Budget & Finance Committee Presentation

10.6.25



Agenda

1. Context – Energy & Climate
2. What is Energy Aggregation?
3. Vision for Mercantile Aggregation
4. What is SOPEC Membership?



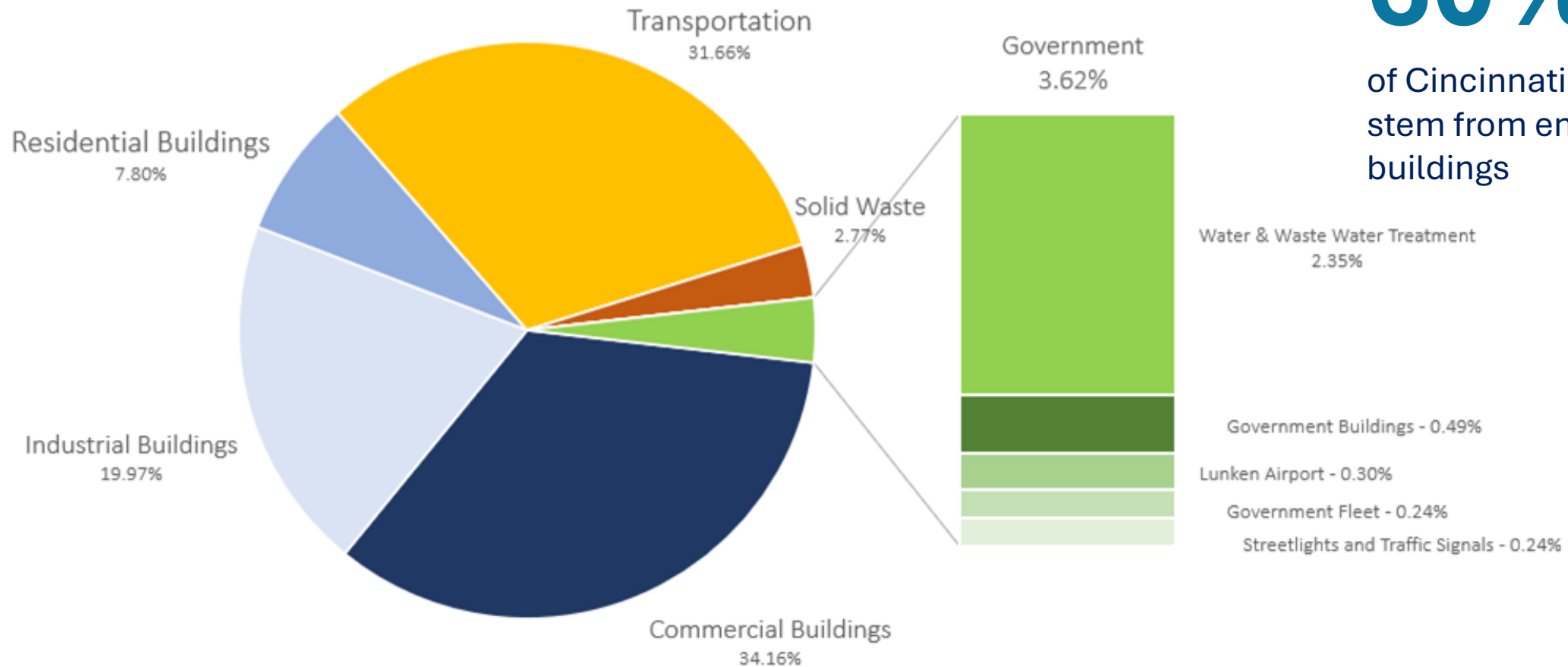
The 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan establishes a commitment and pathway to:

- **50%** emissions reduction by 2030 and
- **100%** carbon neutrality by 2050

Green Cincinnati Plan  2023



Cincinnati's Carbon Profile



60%

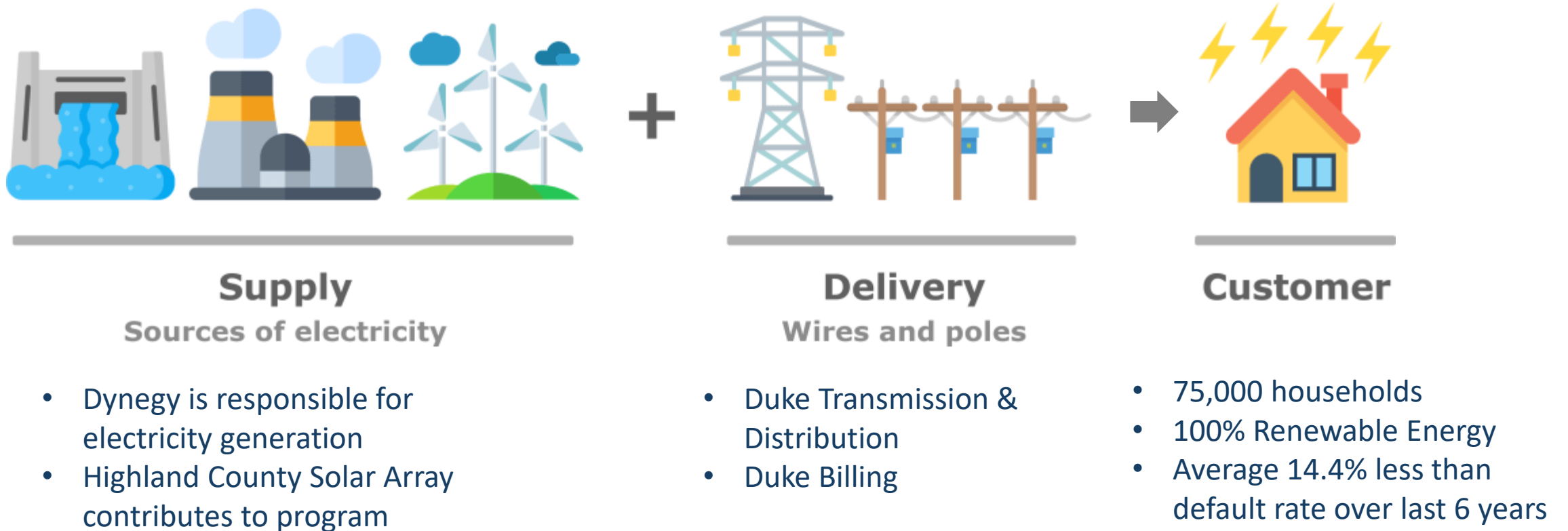
of Cincinnati's emissions stem from energy use in buildings

What is Energy Aggregation?

- Local governments are permitted by Ohio law to “aggregate” their residents into buying groups to obtain better utility rates from suppliers
- There are two types of programs:
 - Opt-in
 - Opt-out
- 390 electricity and gas aggregation programs are registered with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Programs serve residential and small business customers who use less than 700,000 kWh/yr

Electricity Aggregation Program

(Community Choice Aggregation)





Electricity Aggregation in Cincinnati

- Cincinnati voters approved an energy aggregation program in 2011
- Program serves approximately 75K households
- Dynegy holds the City's Electric Aggregation Program contract through 2030 to provide renewable energy to households.
- The program has delivered 14.4% savings to residential and small business participants since 2019

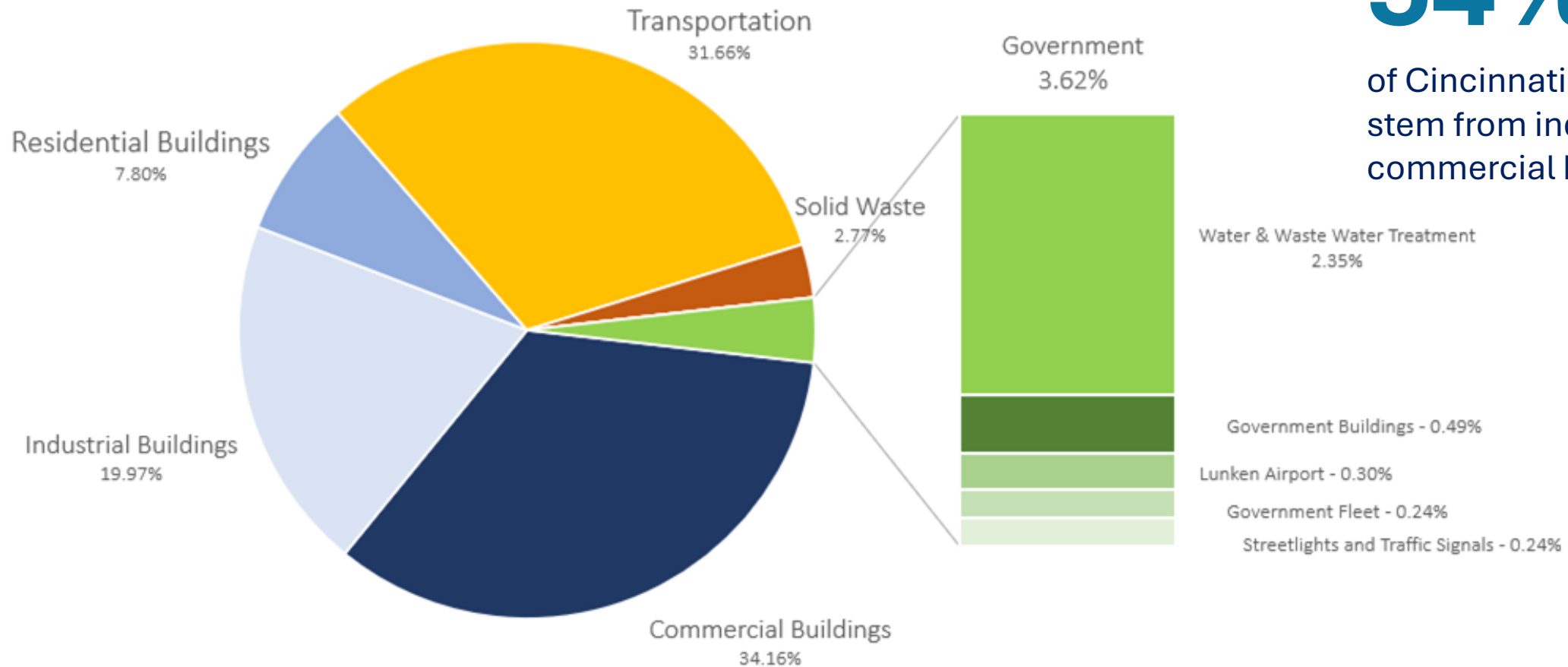
Green Energy for the City

- Located in Highland County
- Operational in 2024
- 35 MW supports City Operations and is delivering net savings
- 65 MW supports the City's electric aggregation program and is being blended in with traditional power





Cincinnati's Carbon Profile



54%

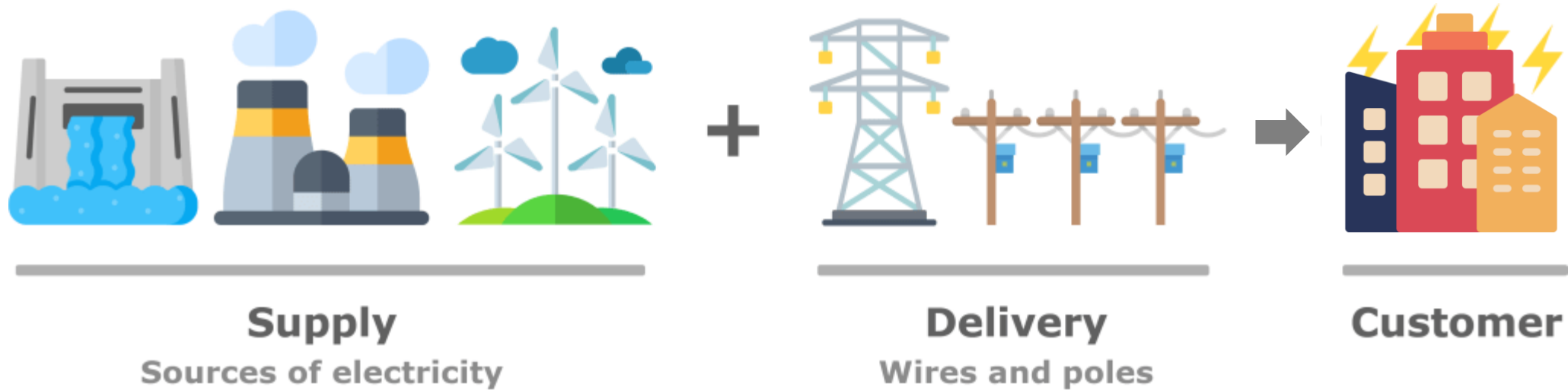
of Cincinnati's emissions stem from industrial and commercial buildings



Mercantile Aggregation Concept

- Open an Aggregation Program to serve medium and large commercial and industrial users that are too large for the Residential Aggregation Program
- Serve energy users of greater than 700,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year.
- Expand the available options for businesses to buy clean energy
- Decarbonize the Cincinnati's energy grid

Mercantile/Commercial Aggregation Concept



- Local Renewable Energy
- Duke Transmission & Distribution
- Duke Billing
- Opt-in
- Mercantile Customers above 700,000 kWh/yr



Mercantile Aggregation Concept

- Likely Program Features:
 - Opt-in program; no obligation for businesses to participate
 - Provide commercial or mercantile users of greater than 700,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year with access to Green Energy at competitive prices
 - Utilize local and regional sources of renewable energy
 - Competitive pricing

Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC)

- A Council of governments that manages aggregation programs for over 40 member governments
- Current members include: Cities of Cleveland, Dayton, Athens, and Chillicothe
- A partner to help the City reach its ambitious carbon emissions reduction goals in a new building sector



SOPEC Membership

Membership Benefits

- Join 40 other Ohio cities who benefit from the collective buying options provided
- SOPEC has a mission to deliver renewable energy resources to aggregation programs
- Membership provides options for the City to consider for mercantile aggregation and does not require partnership or limit choice
- Provides access to green energy options at competitive prices for mercantile customers **who opt in**

Becoming a member of SOPEC...

- Is NOT a contract to procure energy from SOPEC
- Does NOT
 - Obligate the City to purchase energy from SOPEC
 - Prohibit the City from procuring energy from other sources
 - Affect the current Residential Energy Aggregation Program or pricing
 - Conflict with contracts currently held for energy aggregation
- **Does** offer the City a new competitive option for bringing new local renewable energy to the market

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Kevin Stanley, of Broadway East, Baltimore

"No way I could continue to pay that kind of bill."
Nicole Pastore, of Guilford, Baltimore


"It's killing my pockets."
Antoinette Robinson, of Greenmount East, Baltimore

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Wholesale electricity costs as much as 267% more than it did five years ago in areas near data centers. That's being passed on to customers.

By Josh Saul, Leonardo Nicoletti, Demetrios Pogkas, Dina Bass and Naureen Malik
for **Bloomberg Technology** | The Big Take

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September 29, 2025

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