

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202401540

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2025 Budget Update: General Fund Operating Budget**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**PROVIDING** for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from the General Fund 050 of \$525,680,090 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, reflecting a portion of the Recommended FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update totaling \$526,030,090, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,519,480 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund of \$2,337,710 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP") of \$1,181,770; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$21,344,750 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,035,380 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 346 to provide resources for the Special Code Enforcement Program; **AMENDING** the Sections of Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees to constitute the new Classification and Salary Range Schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 23, 2024; and **REVISING** the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index

adjustment of 4.1 percent applied to fees charged for services related to property permitting and maintenance.

There is one change reflected in this Emergency Ordinance from the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 General Fund Budget Update Document:

- This Emergency Ordinance reflects a change for the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) allocation. The City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Update Document includes \$475,000 in leveraged support funding (\$275,000) and city operations programmatic support (\$200,000) for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful within the City Manager's Office's (CMO) General Fund budget. However, the Department of Public Services (DPS) will manage the entire KCB contract. Therefore, the \$475,000 in KCB resources are included in the DPS General Fund budget in this Emergency Ordinance.

The reason for the emergency is to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025, which begins on July 1, 2024, for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment