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AMENDING Section 3, “Division of Stormwater Management Utility,” of Article VIII, “City Waterworks,” of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of vesting administrative authority for the Stormwater Management Utility in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility.

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Utility (“SMU”) is a division of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”), charged with improving the health and safety of the public by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff, correction of stormwater problems, and management of major flood management infrastructure including responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, and managing the City of Cincinnati’s (“City”) stormwater systems in order to enhance the regional environment through responsible urban stormwater management techniques; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, extreme rainfall events and more impervious surface in the City have caused increased overland flooding beyond the capacity of the City’s aging stormwater infrastructure, damaging private property and public infrastructure in the City; and

WHEREAS, in addition to stormwater and flood management, GCWW is responsible for providing safe drinking water to over 1.1 million customers within the City, unincorporated areas of Hamilton County, and over 20 jurisdictions in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, GCWW is challenged to provide sufficient leadership and strategic focus on the City’s stormwater needs due to new major federal drinking water regulations that require significant leadership attention on drinking water issues, including the requirement to remove over 30,000 lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, the City has created a new Deputy Director position within GCWW 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; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Article VIII, section 3 of the Administrative Code to vest the Deputy Director with the administrative authority over SMU and leadership over the City’s stormwater services; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, with three-fourths of its members concurring:

Section 1. That Section 3, “Division of Stormwater Management Utility,” of Article VIII, “City Waterworks,” of the Administrative Code, is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be a division of stormwater management utility, within Greater Cincinnati Water Works, which shall be responsible for developing and implementing stormwater management plans and solely managing facilities, stormwater systems and stormwater sewers. This division shall charge a storm drainage service charge based on individual contribution of runoff to the system, benefits enjoyed and service received. The division of stormwater management utility shall be administered by the ~~city stormwater management engineer~~ deputy director of stormwater management utility under the direction and supervision of the director of greater Cincinnati water works.

Section 2. 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 amend the Administrative Code to vest administrative authority in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility prior to the commencement of his employment in November 2024.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language is underscored. Deleted language is struck through.