

September 18, 2024

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Funding for Water Main Replacement Projects**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$30,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to replace aging water mains and service lines; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund No. 756x8569.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) loan funding in the amount of up to \$30,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for the purpose of reimbursing costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) to replace aging water mains and service lines. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to receive and deposit the loan funds into Water Works Capital Fund revenue account no. 756x8569.

The funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace aging water mains and service lines, which may include: McMillan/Taft/Calhoun; Burch/East Hill/Shaw; Erie Burch; Branch only – Beech/Eighth; Branch only – Jonathan/Ruth; MLK/Bishop/Lakewood; Southern/Hawthorne; Fire Flow 23; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Baker/Bedford/Beechcrest; Lyon/Moerlein/Wheeler; Monastery/St Gregory – Mt Adams; and Budd Street. To meet the loan application deadline of September 1, 2024, the City has applied for the loan, but no loan funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Assisting with the cost of aging water main and service line replacement projects 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 to apply for and obtain loan funding approval in compliance with loan application deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment