

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: OKI EV Charging Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252317, “EV Charging OTR Garages Grant PID 122817,” to provide resources for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in parking garages located in Over-The-Rhine (“OTR”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$895,972 from the Carbon Reduction Program funds awarded from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ALN 20.205), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252317, “EV Charging OTR Garages Grant PID 122817”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252317, “EV Charging OTR Garages Grant PID 122817”; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252358, “EV Charging OTR Garages – 3CDC Contribution,” to provide a contribution to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in OTR Garages; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a contribution of up to \$250,000 from Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252358, “EV Charging OTR Garages – 3CDC Contribution”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these resources.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant up to \$895,972 from the Carbon Reduction Program funds awarded from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252317, “EV Charging OTR Garages Grant PID 122817,” to provide resources for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in parking garages located in Over-The-Rhine (OTR).

This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a contribution of up to \$250,000 from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252358, “EV Charging OTR Garages – 3CDC Contribution,” to

provide a contribution to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in OTR parking garages.

OKI is offering grant resources via federal Carbon Reduction Program funding to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The OTR and Central Business District neighborhoods have a number of public parking garages at which electric vehicle charging stations could greatly benefit the City as well as visitors and residents.

3CDC applied for the grant on behalf of the City, and the project was awarded \$895,972, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents. However, 3CDC will provide all other funding necessary to complete the project up to \$250,000 to the City, including the cost for the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) to provide services associated with the installation of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure 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 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

