

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

CMZ

AWB

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2020

AUTHORIZING the expenditure of funds for the provision of inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages to required attendees of City board and commission meetings, for the purpose of facilitating the efficient conduct of City business at such meetings; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of funds for inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages for attendees of outreach and engagement meetings and events, for the purpose of encouraging the greatest possible attendance at such meetings and events; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of funds for the provision of inexpensive awards, food, and non-alcoholic beverages for employee recognition events, for the purpose of supporting employee morale and facilitating employee advancement; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to establish rules and regulations specifying the circumstances in which the City may expend funds for such purposes, as well as controls to ensure the appropriate expenditure of such funds; and further **DECLARING** that such expenditures serve a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City's boards and commissions often must hold meetings at times that extend beyond the regular workday because their members include private citizens who cannot meet during the regular business hours; and

WHEREAS, such meetings frequently span lunchtime or begin promptly after regular business hours and can extend into the evening, making it impracticable and sometimes impossible for required attendees to obtain meals on their own; and

WHEREAS, not providing meals may cause required attendees to be late, miss, or be unable to effectively participate in meetings, with such delays or absences preventing the efficient conduct of City business; and

WHEREAS, in such circumstances it is appropriate for the City boards and commissions to provide inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages to required attendees, to facilitate the efficient conduct of City business; and

WHEREAS, City departments and offices conduct community outreach meetings and events throughout the year, including meetings and events to facilitate and gather community input on decisions affecting communities, to introduce and roll out new services and initiatives, to engage and consult specific groups, to raise awareness regarding important issues, and to facilitate awareness of and access to services the City provides; and

WHEREAS, such meetings and events are most successful when they draw as many community members as possible; and

WHEREAS, such meetings and events often occur at times when members of the community, who may otherwise wish to attend, may not be able to do so because of the need to obtain meals for themselves and for their families; and

WHEREAS, in such circumstances it is appropriate for the City departments and offices to make inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages available to attendees in order to minimize barriers to attendance and facilitate the greatest possible attendance at such meetings and events, in order to maximize community engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing City employees' achievements, including outstanding accomplishments and length of service, supports employee productivity and innovation, which benefits the public; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City departments and offices to provide inexpensive awards or gifts to City employees recognizing such employees' achievements to promote employee productivity and innovation; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the expenditure of funds for the provision of inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages to required attendees of City board and commission meetings is hereby authorized, for the purpose of facilitating the efficient conduct of City business at such meetings.

Section 2. That the expenditure of funds for inexpensive food and non-alcoholic beverages for attendees of community outreach meetings and events is hereby authorized, for the purpose of encouraging the greatest possible attendance by community members at such meetings and events to maximize community engagement.

Section 3. That the expenditure of funds for inexpensive awards or gifts to City employees recognizing such employees' achievements is hereby authorized, for the purpose of promoting employee productivity and innovation.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish rules and regulations specifying the circumstances in which funds may be expended pursuant to the authorizations in Sections 1 through 3 herein, as well as controls to ensure the appropriate expenditure of such funds.

Section 5. That the expenditure of funds for the purposes described in Sections 1 through 3 herein serves a public purpose.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 herein.

Section 7. 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 permit expenditure of funds for the purposes identified herein for meetings and events that will occur in the next thirty days.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk