

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Recycling Community and Litter program to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings located primarily in the Rising 15 Neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$200,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the grant resources would enable the City to provide interior recycling bins for approximately 20,000 households; and

WHEREAS, the City would prioritize offering bins to qualifying households in neighborhoods with households with an AMI of under \$50,000, which may include neighborhoods that have been identified as the Rising 15 Neighborhoods, which are less likely to have interior recycling bins, and would expand to other neighborhoods if inventory permits; and

WHEREAS, interior bins help raise recycling participation, increase waste diversion from landfills, reduce litter and illegal dumping, and decrease the impact of litter on sewer and stormwater systems; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires local matching funds of 25 percent of the grant amount, which would be provided from existing resources in Wheeled Recycling Cart and Green Cincinnati Plan Sustainability Initiatives capital improvement program project accounts; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was December 6, 2024, and the City already has applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, applying for this grant 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 well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 181-186 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Recycling Community and Litter program to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings in neighborhoods

with households with an AMI of under \$50,000, which may include neighborhoods that have been identified the Rising 15 Neighborhoods.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk