

**EMERGENCY**

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**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Urban Forestry Grant program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ALN 10.727), to provide resources to develop and implement an urban forestry management plan.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant program is offering grant resources available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service of up to \$100,000 which, if awarded, the City may use to develop and implement a plan for Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching resources, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, developing and implementing an urban forestry management plan is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment" and the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 193 and 209-211 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 \$100,000 from the Urban Forestry Grant program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ALN 10.727), to provide resources to develop and implement an urban forestry management plan.

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

Section 3. 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 need for Council approval to apply for the grant resources before the August 27, 2025 application deadline.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor