

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 219

- 2025

PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from General Fund 050 in the amount of \$542,701,740 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, reflecting a portion of the Recommended FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget totaling \$543,001,740, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,516,260 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2026 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$2,336,140 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP") in the amount of \$1,180,120; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$21,429,160 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,014,680 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 346 to provide resources for the Special Code Enforcement Program; **AMENDING** the sections of Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees to constitute the new classification and salary range schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 22, 2025; and **REVISING** the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index adjustment of three percent applied to fees charged for services related to property permitting and maintenance.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate resources from the General Fund for the purposes set forth herein to provide for the usual daily operations of various departments of the City during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Recommended FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget includes a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 152-2017, passed June 21, 2017, authorized the Department of Buildings and Inspections to collect fees for services related to permitting and property maintenance according to an established fee schedule to augment the Department's ability to ensure the safety and maintenance of buildings, to provide enhanced services, and to improve its technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Recommended FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget, it is necessary to adjust the fees charged by the Department of Buildings and Inspections by three percent based on the annual consumer price index adjustment for calendar year 2024 to ensure that

the fees charged reasonably account for increased costs of service delivery due to inflationary increases and to continue to allow the department to accomplish the purposes intended; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$542,701,740 is appropriated out of the monies in the treasury or any accruing revenues of the City available for such purposes to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City from the General Fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as set forth in the attached Schedule of Appropriation, Schedule 1.

Section 2. That \$3,516,260 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2026 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$2,336,140 and related to the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP") in the amount of \$1,180,120.

Section 3. That \$21,429,160 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department.

Section 4. That \$1,014,680 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative.

Section 5. That \$18,430 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP.

Section 6. That \$500,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 346 to provide resources for the Special Code Enforcement Program.

Section 7. That Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is amended for employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9, as indicated on the Non-Represented Salary Schedule, attached as Attachment A, reflecting a three percent adjustment for each classification.

Section 8. That the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule related to property permitting and maintenance, which Council authorized in Ordinance No. 152-2017, is revised as reflected in the Fee Schedule attached as Attachment B, which increases the current fees by three percent for FY 2026 based on the annual consumer price index adjustment based on calendar year 2024 inflation.

Section 9. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 8.

Section 10. That the effective date of Section 7 shall be June 22, 2025.

Section 11. That the effective date of Sections 1 through 6 and Section 8 shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 12. 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 to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025, for the current expenses and other expenses of the City.

Passed: June 19, 2025

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 219-2025
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 7/1/2025
[Signature]
CLERK OF COUNCIL