

**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

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**An Ordinance No. 276**

- 2025

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$396,325.78 from the Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x3500x7299 as a moral obligation to Hamilton County for outstanding charges related to the processing of warrants in FY 2025.

WHEREAS, the City partners with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office ("HCSO") to operate a consolidated unit known as Central Warrants, which is responsible for processing both new and existing warrants within Cincinnati and throughout Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with HCSO to consolidate the operation of the Central Warrants unit in November 1988, resulting in greater efficiency in processing warrants; and

WHEREAS, the City's portion of the costs associated with operating the Central Warrants unit is invoiced to the City monthly by HCSO; and

WHEREAS, the City did not receive the April 2025 invoice from HCSO until July 2025, which caused the Cincinnati Police Department to miss critical deadlines to ensure funds were encumbered in FY 2025 for services rendered during that fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the April 2025 invoice requested payment of \$396,325.78 for services that were in fact provided to the City during that month; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked with HCSO to strengthen billing procedures and ensure that future invoices from the Central Warrants unit are submitted in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x3500x7299 to pay for the services provided by HCSO in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$396,325.78 to Hamilton County for the services provided by HCSO in April 2025; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$396,325.78 from the Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x3500x7299 as a moral obligation to Hamilton County for outstanding charges related to the processing of warrants in FY 2025.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of 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 immediate need to pay Hamilton County for the outstanding charges for the services rendered.

Passed: September 4, 2025

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk

[Signature]  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 276-2025  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 9/14/2025  
[Signature]  
CLERK OF COUNCIL