

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2026

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Opportunity and Resident Services General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x161x7400 to provide one-time resources for supplemental emergency flood relief; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

WHEREAS, portions of the city of Cincinnati were negatively impacted by recent severe storms and flash flooding events which began on July 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, initial examination of data shows that the five inches of rain that fell on July 17, 2026, over the course of a few hours, has never happened in recorded local weather history; and

WHEREAS, this historic weather event caused catastrophic flooding and water damage to thousands of homes, businesses, vehicles, and other property, and subsequent storms and rainfall on July 19, 2026 and July 21, 2026 worsened the region's flooding and damage; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2026, the Mayor declared an emergency pursuant to Article III of the Cincinnati Charter and Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the sewer backups and flooding resulting from these storms require immediate remediation to abate untreated water contamination and limit mold growth, structural damage and rot, and mitigate related public safety and health hazards; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to provide one-time resources for supplemental flood relief in addition to the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD)'s Sewer Backup (SBU) Program and other financial relief programs or insurance proceeds available to those affected; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$1,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," can be utilized to provide resources needed for supplemental emergency flood relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Opportunity and Resident Services will be setting up a program to deploy these resources; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$1,000,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That \$1,000,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Opportunity and Resident Services General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x161x7400 to provide one-time resources for supplemental emergency flood relief.

Section 3. That providing one-time resources for supplemental emergency flood relief is declared to serve a public purpose because it provides financial relief to assist those negatively affected by the recent historic flooding events in the city of Cincinnati with timely remediation of impacts from sewer backups and flooding to limit further mold growth, structural damage and rot, and other public safety and health hazards.

Section 4. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. 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 accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding described herein can be made available to provide necessary supplemental emergency flood relief.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk