

June 11, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – FY 2026 Budget: General Fund Operating Budget

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**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.

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.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachments