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An Ordinance No. 226

-2026

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,659,955 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of the City Manager General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 in support of the FY 2024 Human Services Impact Award priority of eviction prevention and housing stabilization; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$54,874,398 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part A; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$54,874,398 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to preserve resources for commitments made in FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$54,874,398 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective July 1, 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$54,874,398 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2026, to provide resources for various programs and services previously approved by Council in FY 2026; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for eviction prevention and housing stabilization constitute a public purpose.

WHEREAS, in FY 2024, the City entered into a contract with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("UWGC") to administer the City's Human Services Program and its related Impact Award project aimed at eviction prevention and housing stabilization, but due to a contract term incongruence, UWGC was unable to deploy the entirety of these funds and has returned \$1,659,955 to the City; and

WHEREAS, Council now desires to reallocate the entirety of those returned funds in FY 2026 to continue advancing the FY 2024 Human Services Impact Award priority of eviction prevention and housing stabilization, including but not limited to funding bridge-loans to the Continuum of Care for the Homeless programs, as described in Council Motion No. 202601642; and

WHEREAS, \$1,659,955 of that funding will also be provided for those same purposes in FY 2027, because the amount being provided in FY 2026 will not be expended in FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, additionally, \$430,000 provided in FY 2026 for the Access to Counsel program will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 provided in FY 2026 for communication and branding expert services will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$235,727 provided in FY 2026 for children's savings accounts will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$82,500 provided in FY 2026 for Act for Cincy will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$100,000 provided in FY 2026 for the Avondale Film Festival will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 provided in FY 2026 for violence reduction initiatives will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$100,000 provided in FY 2026 for City Hall operations, including public safety and security, will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000,000 provided in FY 2026 as a one-time payment to the Cincinnati Retirement System to reduce the City's unfunded pension liability will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$21,500 provided in FY 2026 for composting initiatives will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 provided in FY 2026 for a climate equity indication report will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$30,000 provided in FY 2026 for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's "Don't Dump the Nati" program will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$116,000 provided in FY 2026 for matching resources to support The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority's grant applications to the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation program will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$321,606 provided in FY 2026 for Warm Up Cincy will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$38,750 provided in FY 2026 for matching resources to support The Recycling Partnership Multi-Family Pilot Program grants will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$22,000 provided in FY 2026 for Office of Performance and Data Analytics expert services will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$110,000 provided in FY 2026 for legal and expert services in the Department of Human Resources will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for expert services and sworn testing in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$43,375 provided in FY 2026 for community development expert services will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided to the Department of Opportunity and Resident Services for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$307,105 provided in FY 2026 for the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$55,000 provided in FY 2026 for an incentive study will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided to the Office of Strategic Growth for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$150,000 provided in FY 2026 for the Represent Cincy program will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$70,000 provided in FY 2026 for the West End Sports Bar & Grill will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 provided in FY 2026 for economic development initiatives will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$150,000 provided in FY 2026 for community engagement activities for the development of Price Hill Landing will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, \$180,880 provided in FY 2026 for development of the Plan Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan will not be expended in FY 2026, but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, to effect the above purposes, a total of \$54,874,398 will be transferred to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," in FY 2026, and appropriated in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer for the various FY 2026 commitments identified; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$1,659,955 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of the City Manager General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 in support of the FY 2024 Human Services Impact Award priority of eviction prevention and housing stabilization.

Section 2. That \$54,874,398 is transferred and returned to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part A.

Section 3. That \$54,874,398 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to preserve resources for commitments made in FY 2026.

Section 4. That \$54,874,398 is transferred and returned to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," effective July 1, 2026.

Section 5. That \$54,874,398 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2026, to provide resources for various programs and services previously approved by Council for FY 2026.

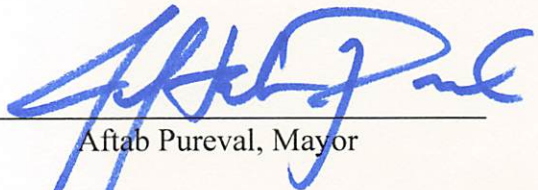
Section 6. That expenditures from City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for eviction prevention and housing stabilization are declared to constitute a public purpose.

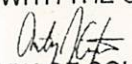
Section 7. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 6 and the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Section 8. 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 preserve FY 2026 resources for deployment in FY 2027 and ensure continuity in City-funded programming.

Passed: June 17, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 2024
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN 6/30/2024
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON

CLERK OF COUNCIL