

## EMERGENCY

**JWF**

**- 2026**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to \$13,964.94 from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds to reimburse the City for unclaimed funds owed to the City; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the unclaimed funds in the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds (“ODC”) holds and maintains unclaimed funds whose rightful owner cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, the City discovered that ODC held unclaimed funds owed to the City totaling \$13,964.94; and

WHEREAS, the City requested and was awarded the unclaimed funds, however no funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with guidance from the Auditor of the State of Ohio, funds not identified for a specific purpose may be deposited into the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Treasury Department has determined the original source of the funds as the Department of Buildings and Inspections, and that the funds are therefore appropriate to return to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the unclaimed funds are public funds and should be returned to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to be used for the benefit of the residents of the city of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, accepting and depositing unclaimed funds from ODC is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-204 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept up to \$13,964.94 from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds to reimburse the City for unclaimed funds owed to the City.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the unclaimed funds in the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. 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 accept and deposit the unclaimed funds owed to the City before access to the funds expires.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk