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AMENDING Ordinance No. 72-1994, which established Vacant Building Maintenance Fund 347 and identified revenue sources and permissible uses of the fund's resources, as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 294-2007, 273-2012, 102-2017, and 436-2019, which cumulatively changed the name of the fund to Hazard Abatement Fund 347 and expanded the fund's revenue sources and permissible uses, to further expand the permissible revenue sources for Hazard Abatement Fund 347 to include federal, state, local, and private grant resources.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1994, Council passed Ordinance No. 72-1994, which established Vacant Building Fund 347, directed gross vacant building maintenance license fees be deposited into Vacant Building Fund 347, and directed expenses for the administration of the vacant building licensing program be paid from Vacant Building Fund 347; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, Council passed Ordinance No. 294-2007, which amended Ordinance No. 72-1994 to change the name of "Vacant Building Maintenance Fund 347" to "Hazard Abatement Fund 347," expand permissible revenue sources to include recovered barricade and demolition costs, and expand the permissible uses of the fund's resources to include costs related to barricading and demolishing vacant buildings; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, Council passed Ordinance No. 273-2012, which amended Ordinance No. 294-2007 to identify Vacant Foreclosure Registration Program revenues as an additional revenue source for Hazard Abatement Fund 347 and expand the permissible uses of the fund's resources to include costs related to the Foreclosure Registration Program, which Council established by Ordinance No. 195-2012; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2017, Council passed Ordinance No. 102-2017, which further amended Ordinance No. 72-1994 to expand the permissible uses of the fund's resources to include costs related to receivership or nuisance abatement actions, or stabilizing buildings, walls, or other structures and/or land areas to minimize or prevent conditions that lead to unsafe and uninhabitable premises that have created or could create a public hazard or public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2019, Council passed Ordinance No. 436-2019, which expanded the revenue sources and permissible uses of Hazard Abatement Fund 347 by directing that all fees and charges collected through the Residential Rental Registration program and Residential Rental Property Inspection Pilot program be deposited into the fund, and further expanded permissible uses of the fund's resources to include costs related to the Residential Rental Registration program and the Residential Rental Property Inspection Pilot program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend Ordinance No. 72-1994 to expand the fund's permissible revenue sources to include federal, state, local, and private grant resources; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 72-1994, which established Vacant Building Maintenance Fund 347 and identified revenue sources and permissible uses of the fund's resources as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 294-2007, 273-2012, 102-2017, and 436-2019, which cumulatively changed the name of the fund to Hazard Abatement Fund 347 and expanded the fund's revenue sources and permissible uses, is further amended to expand the permissible revenue sources for Fund 347 to include federal, state, local, and private grant resources.

Section 2. That in all other respects not inconsistent with the modifications provided for in this ordinance, Ordinance No. 72-1994 as drafted and subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 294-2007, 273-2012, 102-2017, and 436-2019, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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 expand the permissible revenue sources for Hazard Abatement Fund 347 to include federal, state, local, and private grant resources in order to accept grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk