

September 4, 2025

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Landslide Remediation and Wall Stabilization at 1769 Carll Street**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$75,000 from the Office of the City Manager non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252312, “Wall Stab. & Landslide Correction,” to provide resources to stabilize a landslide and inspect, rehabilitate, and replace the retaining wall and appurtenances at 1769 Carll Street; and **DECLARING** such expenditures to be for a public purpose.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$75,000 from the Office of the City Manager General Fund non-personnel operating budget account 050x101x7400 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in order to the transfer and appropriate that sum to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252312, “Wall Stab. & Landslide Correction,” to provide resources to stabilize a landslide and replace the retaining wall at the North Fairmount Community Center (NFCC). Repairing the failed sections of the retaining wall and stabilizing the landslide serves the public purpose of protecting the public safety of those traversing Baltimore Avenue and utilizing services at the NFCC.

Following a storm, a landslide destroyed a section of the retaining wall at 1769 Carll Street, owned in part by the NFCC and in part by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC). The NFCC supports underserved members of the community through affordable housing resources, educational workshops, recreational activities, food and other necessities, and operates a day care center on-site. The failed section of the retaining wall adversely affects the NFCC’s ongoing ability to provide a safe space for the children who participate in its programming.

The Mayor’s Financial Freedom Blueprint recognizes the critical link between the availability of quality childcare options, job mobility, and savings growth potential, and commits to investing in increasing the supply of family-based and commercial day care centers. Addressing the failed sections of the retaining wall and stabilizing the landslide will help ensure the continuous operation of the NFCC day care center; and prevent future landslides that may also jeopardize the safety and stability of Baltimore Avenue and CRC’s neighboring property.

The total cost to stabilize the landslide and retaining wall is estimated to be \$134,881. In addition to the \$75,000 from the Office of the City Manager, CRC will contribute \$25,000 toward the repair and stabilization efforts to benefit its property. The remaining \$34,881 will be covered by existing resources currently available in capital improvement program project account, “Wall Stab. & Landslide Correction.”

Stabilizing the landslide and failed sections of the retaining wall at 1769 Carll Street is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability; and the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 127-137 and 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide resources to stabilize the landslide and inspect, rehabilitate, and replace the failed retaining wall and appurtenances at 1769 Carll Street to protect the transportation and utility infrastructure and prevent hazardous conditions at the day care center.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment