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AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for and accept a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in evaluating treatment and compliance options for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit any such loan funds received into Fund No. 101 “Water Works,” revenue account no. 101x8527.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (“OWDA”), through OEPA’s Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for public water systems to monitor and address the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) operates the Charles M. Bolton Water Plant (“Bolton”) and evaluates potential PFAS treatment options for drinking water processed at Bolton as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, establishing national drinking water standards for PFAS in public water systems; and

WHEREAS, GCWW wishes to secure up to \$300,000 in WSRLA loan funding to reimburse costs associated with evaluating treatment and compliance options for PFAS in public water systems; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be provided in the form of a loan with principal forgiveness; and

WHEREAS, the loan application deadline was August 1, 2024, and the City has applied for the loan, but no loan funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTE/full-time equivalent requirements associated with acceptance of these loan funds, and their acceptance will not require matching funds; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of loan funding to reimburse costs incurred by GCWW in evaluating treatment and compliance options for PFAS in drinking water is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181-186 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 or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in evaluating treatment and compliance options for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in drinking water.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the loan funds into Fund No. 101 “Water Works,” revenue account no. 101x8527.

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

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 comply with loan funding guidelines.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk