

December 3, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202502088

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Warren County Water Service Agreement

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County, Ohio sale of surplus water to certain portions of Warren County, Ohio.

The City and the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County, Ohio are currently parties to a Water Area Contract (“Water Contract”) dated February 17, 1995, and as amended in 1996, 1997, 2017, 2020, 2022, 2024 and 2025, providing for wholesale and retail water service, construction of improvements, and expansion of the Warren County service area as defined in the Water Contract. The Water Contract will expire on December 31, 2025.

The parties desire to enter into a new Water Service Agreement by which the City, by its Greater Cincinnati Water Works, will continue to provide the County retail water service for the duration of the new Water Service Agreement, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending no later than December 31, 2026, with three five-year renewal options; to provide the County wholesale water service during a transition period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending no later than December 31, 2028; and to provide the County standby wholesale water service for the duration of the new Water Service Agreement.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Interim Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works