

November 13, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501973

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Moral Obligation Payment to Hamilton County Engineer's Office Maintenance Department

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$3,097.23 to the Hamilton County Engineer's Office Maintenance Department from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Fund operating budget account no. 101x304x4040x7299 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to snow and ice removal and salt application on Mason Montgomery Road at Seven Gables Road from January 27, 2025, to February 1, 2025.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to pay \$3,097.23 to the Hamilton County Engineer's Office Maintenance Department from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works operating budget account no. 101x304x4040x7299 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to snow and ice removal and salt application on Mason Montgomery Road at Seven Gables Road from January 27, 2025 to February 1, 2025.

The reason for the moral obligation is that during the period of January 27, 2025 to February 1, 2025, Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) crews were extremely busy responding to an unusually high volume of water main repair work. During this period a water main leak created slick road conditions at Mason Montgomery Road and Seven Gables Road – a roadway maintained by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. The Hamilton County Engineer's Office received multiple calls about the hazardous conditions and, while GCWW crews were addressing leaks on every shift, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office stepped in to provide critical assistance. Hamilton County Engineer's Office staff performed salting operations in between GCWW's responses, ensuring that the roadway under their jurisdiction remained safe for the traveling public. Involvement from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office was not only appropriate but essential in addressing the immediate public safety risks. Their timely actions supplemented GCWW's efforts during an especially demanding repair period and directly prevented accidents and injuries.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay the Hamilton County Engineer's Office Maintenance Department in a timely manner for the outstanding charges for services provided to the City.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment