

February 19, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Health Department: Moral Obligation to Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$94,788.83 from Cincinnati Health Department Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 446x265x1110x7285 to Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc. as a moral obligation for laboratory services provided between January and November 2025.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes a payment of \$94,788.83 from Cincinnati Health Department Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 446x265x1110x7285 to Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc. as a moral obligation for laboratory services provided between January and November 2025. Sufficient existing resources are available to make the payment.

The Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) entered into a contract with Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc. (Contractor) on January 4, 2021, through which the Contractor provided laboratory services for CHD dental centers. The contract expired on December 31, 2024, but the Contractor continued to provide laboratory services to support the daily operations of CHD dental centers between January and November of 2025 while a request for proposal (RFP) was advertised in preparation for a new contract for laboratory services. A new contract between CHD and the Contractor went into effect on November 3, 2025.

CHD staff have been educated on the best practices for coordinating and reviewing contracts prior to their expiration dates to prevent moral obligations in the future.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay to Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc. for outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment