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An Ordinance No. 134

- 2026

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$12,069,949 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$15,389 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3421, "Income Tax Reserve for Refunds," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$52,210,792 within the General Fund, from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer, to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the redesignation of an advance of \$600,000 from General Fund 050 to Parking Meter Fund No. 303, pursuant to Ordinance No. 122-2025 as a permanent transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the fund advance and transfer of \$400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to be used for operations and to be repaid with future parking meter revenue; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$360,000 from Cincinnati Police Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x7300 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$360,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to permanent improvement program project account no. 758x222x262215, "Fixed License Plate Reader Cameras," to realign sources with uses for additional license plate reader cameras; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$131,624 from the Office of Environment and Sustainability non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$131,624 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF," to realign sources with uses for additional sustainability projects.

WHEREAS, a need has arisen since the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2026 to transfer various sums according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; and

WHEREAS, \$8,046,974 is being transferred within current FY 2026 appropriations and \$44,163,818 is being transferred from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund for ongoing operating needs; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 29-2026 transferred \$17,763,995 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City's reserve, and for one-time needs, including costs associated with new bargaining agreements between the City and Cincinnati Organized and Dedicated Employees ("CODE") and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME"), and a grievance settlement agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters ("IAFF"); and

WHEREAS, \$10,140,474 remains in General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Emergency One-Time Needs," to cover FY 2026 costs related to CODE and AFSCME bargaining agreements and a grievance settlement agreement with the IAFF as outlined in the FY 2025 Carryover to FY 2026 Report No. 202600200; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$1,929,475 will be transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Emergency One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to address FY 2026 Winter Operations needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Meter Fund is unable to repay the fund advance of \$600,000 authorized in Ordinance No. 122-2025, so it must be redesignated as a permanent transfer; and

WHEREAS, an additional fund advance of \$400,000 to Parking Meter Fund 303 is required to provide resources for continued operations, and the advance will be repaid with future parking meter revenue; and

WHEREAS, \$360,000 of existing resources in the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund non-personnel operating budget earmarked for fixed license plate reader cameras is more appropriately classified as a permanent improvement project necessitating the transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the fleet electrification plan, \$131,624 remains of the allocation, which will be returned to capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF," for future sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, transferring various sums and realigning certain operating accounts will allow for the continuation of uninterrupted services through the end of FY 2026; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That \$12,069,949 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That \$15,389 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3421, "Income Tax Reserve for Refunds," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 3. That a total of \$52,210,792, existing within the General Fund and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, is transferred within said fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign certain operating accounts and to provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments.

Section 4. That Council redesignates the fund advance of \$600,000 to Parking Meter Fund 303 authorized in Ordinance No. 122-2025 as a permanent transfer.

Section 5. That Council authorizes a fund advance and transfer of \$400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to provide resources for operations. The fund advance shall be repaid with future parking meter revenue.

Section 6. That \$360,000 is transferred and returned to source from the Cincinnati Police Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x7300 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 7. That \$360,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to permanent improvement program project account no. 758x222x262215, "Fixed License Plate Reader Cameras," to realign sources with uses for additional license plate reader cameras.

Section 8. That \$131,624 is transferred and returned to source from the Office of Environment and Sustainability non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 9. That \$131,624 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF," to realign sources with uses for additional sustainability projects.

Section 10. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 9 and the attached Schedules of Transfer.

Section 11. 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 realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments to ensure the continuation of uninterrupted services through the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Passed: May 13, 2026

Jamichelle Lemoine  
VICE Mayor

Attest: City Clerk  
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 130-2026  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 5/20/2026  
City Clerk  
CLERK OF COUNCIL