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PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from General Fund 050 in the amount of \$502,140,750 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, reflecting a portion of the Recommended FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget totaling \$502,490,750, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,522,800 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2024 General Fund debt service obligations of \$2,340,530 related to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and of \$1,182,270 related to the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP"); **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$20,467,640 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$850,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; **AMENDING** the sections of Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a four percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees in Division 0 as well as classifications LAW186, LAW191, LAW193, LAW217, LAW224, LAW225, LAW930, D9035, and D9036, and a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees in Divisions 5 and 8 as well as the remaining classifications in Divisions 7 (LAW) and 9 not receiving the four percent wage adjustment, to collectively constitute the new Classification and Salary Range Schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 25, 2023; **MODIFYING** the Division designation of the Zoning Hearing Examiner in the Law Department by moving the employment classification to Division 7 (LAW), to ensure consistency within the employment classifications in the Law Department; and **REVISING** the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index adjustment of eight percent applied to fees charged for services related to property permitting and maintenance.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate resources from the General Fund for the purposes set forth herein to provide for the usual daily operations of various departments of the City of Cincinnati during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one-time resources of \$28,200,000 from American Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus funds are available to reimburse expenses or provide revenue replacement for the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Recommended FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget includes a four percent wage adjustment for Non-Represented Employees in Division 0 as well as classifications LAW186, LAW191, LAW193, LAW217, LAW224, LAW225, LAW930, D9035, and D9036; and

WHEREAS, the Recommended FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget includes a three percent wage adjustment for Non-Represented Employees in Divisions 5 and 8 as well as the remaining classifications in Divisions 7 and 9 not receiving the four percent wage adjustment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the Division designation of the Zoning Hearing Examiner in the Law Department by moving that employment classification to Division 7 to ensure consistency within the employment classifications in the Law Department, all of which are currently in Division 7 other than the City Solicitor, which position is properly in Division 5 (“Department Head or equivalent”) and the Zoning Hearing Examiner, which position is currently in Division 0 (“Middle Management”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 152-2017, passed June 21, 2017, authorized the Department of Buildings and Inspections to collect fees for services related to permitting and property maintenance according to an established fee schedule to augment the Department’s ability to ensure the safety and maintenance of buildings, to provide enhanced services, and to improve its technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Recommended FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget, it is necessary to adjust the fees charged by the Department of Buildings and Inspections by eight percent based on the annual consumer price index adjustment for calendar year 2022 to ensure that the fees charged reasonably account for increased costs of service delivery due to inflationary increases and to continue to allow the Department to accomplish the purposes intended; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati from General Fund 050 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, \$502,140,750 is appropriated out of the monies in the treasury or any accruing revenues of the City available for such purposes as set forth in the attached Schedule of Appropriation, Schedule 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the purposes therein indicated.

Section 2. That \$3,522,800 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City’s FY 2024 General Fund debt service obligations of \$2,340,530 related to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and debt service obligations of \$1,182,270 related to the Early Retirement Incentive Program (“ERIP”).

Section 3. That \$20,467,640 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department.

Section 4. That \$850,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative.

Section 5. That \$18,430 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP.

Section 6. That Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is amended for employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 as indicated on the Non-Represented Salary Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, reflecting a four percent adjustment for each classification in Division 0 as well as classifications LAW186, LAW191, LAW 193, LAW217, LAW224, LAW 225, LAW930, D9035, and D9036, and a three percent adjustment for each classification in Divisions 5 and 8 and the remaining classifications in Division 7 (LAW) and 9 not receiving the four percent adjustment.

Section 7. That the Division designation of the Zoning Hearing Examiner in the Law Department is hereby modified by moving the employment classification to Division 7 to ensure consistency within the employment classifications in the Law Department, as reflected in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 8. That the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule related to property permitting and maintenance, which Council authorized in Ordinance No. 152-2017, is

revised as reflected in the Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof, which increases the current fees by eight percent for FY 2024 based on the annual consumer price index adjustment based on calendar year 2022 inflation.

Section 9. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 8.

Section 10. That the effective date of Sections 6 and 7 shall be June 25, 2023.

Section 11. That the effective date of Sections 1 through 5 and Section 8 shall be July 1, 2023.

Section 12. 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 to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2024, which begins on July 1, 2023, for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk