

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000, comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority, to be expended from the Water Works Capital Fund properties budget account no. 756x300x7600 and Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x7200, to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works’ service area; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund 756, “Water Works Capital,” revenue account nos. 756x8569 and 756x8527, as well as, Fund 312, “Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund,” revenue account nos. 312x8569 and 312x8527; and **DECLARING** the expenditures from Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund 312 for private lead service line replacement activities to serve a public purpose.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding of up to \$8,000,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority in the form of grant-like principal forgiveness and zero-interest loan funding to public water systems for private lead service line replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program to replace public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water; and

WHEREAS, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$8,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of public and private lead service lines in the form of up to \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding; and

WHEREAS, this funding does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with acceptance of this funding; and

WHEREAS, this funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace public and private lead service lines as part of GCWW’s lead line replacement program, which may include: Burch/East Hill/Shaw; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Fire Flow 23/Bethany; Budd St.; Plum/Court; Mt Hope/Warsaw; Alms/Chapel; Bader/Henshaw; Blaesi/Camargo; California Golf Course; Concord-Morgan; Handasyde/Michigan/Perkins; Observatory/Shaw/Linshaw; Samver/Leumas; Vine St; Voll/Stanley; and Western Hills Feeder Ph 2; and

WHEREAS, assisting with the cost of public and private lead service line replacement projects is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181–185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$8,000,000, comprised of \$4,240,000 in principal forgiveness and \$3,760,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority, to be expended from the Water Works Capital Fund properties budget account no. 756x300x7600 and Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x7200 to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works' service area.

Section 2. The Director of Finance is authorized to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund 756, "Water Works Capital," revenue account nos. 756x8569 and 756x8527, as well as, Fund 312, "Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund," revenue account nos. 312x8569 and 312x8527.

Section 3. That the expenditures from Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund 312 for private lead service line replacement activities are declared to serve a public purpose because the project expenditures will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood health and vitality.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the funding and Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Attest: _____
Clerk

Aftab Pureval, Mayor