

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600072
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Moral Obligation Payment to ASCAP**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the payment of \$857.06 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for an annual license to the City which allows all City departments to play and provide clearance to over one million songs in ASCAP's catalog.

A payment of \$857.06 for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission ("CRC") by ASCAP was not properly encumbered on time. This moral obligation payment of \$857.06 will cover the cost of music licensing services provided by ASCAP to CRC between July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025. Sufficient resources exist to make the payment.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay ASCAP in a timely manner for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment