

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Finance: Cannabis Tax Revenue from the State of Ohio

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

In 2023, Ohio voters approved a ballot initiative legalizing the sale, possession, and use of recreational cannabis by adults. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3780.22, the State of Ohio levies a ten percent tax on the consumer sale of marijuana.

As a designated host community, the City of Cincinnati is entitled to receive thirty-six percent of the tax revenue generated by adult-use dispensaries operating within its jurisdiction. Payments to municipalities are scheduled for disbursement at the end of the month following each calendar-year quarter, as outlined in Ohio Auditor of State Bulletin 2025-003. These funds may be used by the City for any approved purpose and are therefore considered General Fund revenue.

Accepting and depositing Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment