

October 18, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202302206

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Police Department:
Amending Ordinance No. 0276-2023**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 276-2023 to authorize the City Manager to accept services from Othram Inc., which will be paid for by funds awarded through the Season of Justice DNA Testing Grant.

This Emergency Ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 0276-2023 to authorize the City manager to accept services from Othram Inc., which will be paid for by funds awarded through the Season of Justice DNA Testing Grant.

On August 2, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0276-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$8,257 in DNA Testing Grant funds from Season of Justice to provide the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) with funding to assist in solving cold cases using DNA.

When the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0276-2023, the Cincinnati Police Department expected to receive the grant funds from Season of Justice, then use those grant funds to procure lab services. Instead, Season of Justice will pay the vendor, Othram Inc., directly to perform the lab services for the CPD. Ordinance No. 0276-2023 must therefore be amended to allow the City to accept services from Othram Inc., which will be paid for by Season of Justice with the DNA Testing Grant funds.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with the grant acceptance deadline and to accept grant-funded services in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment