

EMERGENCY

AEP

- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Program to provide resources for the acquisition and enhancement of green space adjacent to Mt. Storm Park and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors in California Woods Nature Preserve.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$2,000,000 is available from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Conservation Program to provide resources for the acquisition and enhancement of green space and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, the Cincinnati Park Board adopted a resolution authorizing the application for this OPWC grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires at least 25 percent matching funds which will be met by donations from the community through the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, donation of land, and other eligible capital project funding; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of green space and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 207-211 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 a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Program to provide resources for the acquisition and enhancement of green space adjacent to Mt. Storm Park and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors in California Woods Nature Preserve.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. 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 the immediate need to comply with OPWC grant deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk