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An Ordinance No. 392

- 2025

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$85,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 to continue funding for the current Capital Improvement Program, which includes new water mains, water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, system development, tanks, pumping stations, private development, equipment, and other water system improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the use and expenditure of \$85,000,000 for Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") capital improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$8,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund 312 to continue funding private lead service line replacement activities; **AUTHORIZING** the use and expenditure of \$8,500,000 for GCWW private lead service line replacement activities; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to increase the fund advance limit of Water Works Stores - Materials Fund 204 from \$6,000,000 to \$7,500,000; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Stores - Materials Fund 204 to provide GCWW with sufficient funds to purchase parts necessary for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 233-2025, which authorized the issuance, sale, and delivery of water system revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 to finance certain improvements; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 206-2025, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$41,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") to replace aging water mains and service lines; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 207-2025, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$13,000,000, comprised of \$6,890,000 in principal forgiveness and \$6,110,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the GCWW service area; and

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account funding comprised of low-interest, no-interest, and principal forgiveness loans requires GCWW to cover the initial cost outlay for various water system improvements, as well as replacement of public and private lead service lines, before seeking reimbursement from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, GCWW determined that Water Works Fund 101 has the capacity to support a transfer of \$85,000,000 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 to cash finance portions of

the Capital Improvement Program and take advantage of Water Supply Revolving Loan Account funding; and

WHEREAS, utilizing a transfer from Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 to cash finance portions of the Capital Improvement Program and take advantage of Water Supply Revolving Loan Account funding in lieu of issuing water system revenue bonds would be financially advantageous to the utility and ultimately to ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, passage of this ordinance will allow the Administration to transfer certain funds for urgent water main replacement and other GCWW capital projects, private lead service line replacement activities, and critical parts prior to the end of FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, transfer of these funds will enable GCWW to properly maintain the water treatment and supply system in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” and to “[m]anage our financial resources” and strategy to “[s]pend public funds more strategically” as described on pages 181-186 and 199-205 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the transfer and appropriation of \$85,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 to continue funding for the current Capital Improvement Program, which includes new water mains, water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, system development, tanks, pumping stations, private development, equipment, and other water system improvements is authorized.

Section 2. That the use and expenditure of \$85,000,000 is authorized for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) capital improvements.

Section 3. That the transfer and appropriation of \$8,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund 312 to continue funding private lead service line replacement activities is authorized.

Section 4. That the use and expenditure of \$8,500,000 is authorized for GCWW private lead service line replacement activities.

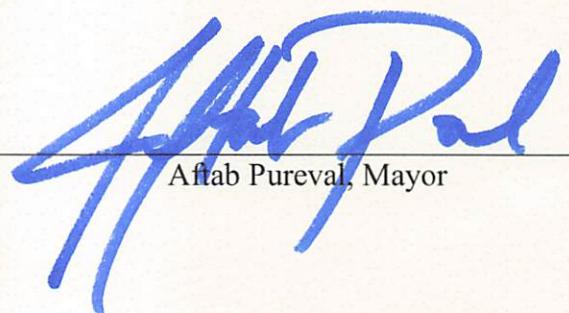
Section 5. That the Director of Finance is authorized to increase the fund advance limit of Water Works Stores - Materials Fund 204 from \$6,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

Section 6. That the transfer and appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Stores - Materials Fund 204 to provide GCWW with sufficient funds to purchase parts necessary for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system is authorized.

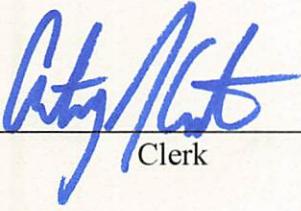
Section 7. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 6.

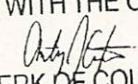
Section 8. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to fund urgent water main replacement and other GCWW capital projects, private lead service line replacement activities, and critical parts prior to the end of FY 2026.

Passed: December 10, 2025



Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 392-2025
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 12/23/2025

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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