

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING a payment of \$4,440 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x272x2000x7316x262720, “Administrative & Firehouse Furniture and Equipment,” as a moral obligation to Upstate Wholesale Supply, Inc. dba Brite for information technology equipment purchases made in August 2025.

WHEREAS, the City previously purchased, through a cooperative purchasing agreement, mobile dispatch information technology equipment from Upstate Wholesale Supply, Inc. dba Brite (“Contractor”) and other vendors as phase one of a project to increase connectivity between Cincinnati Fire Department (“CFD”) fire apparatus and fire houses; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2025, CFD submitted purchase order 2523PO001042 to purchase mobile dispatch information technology equipment, and submitted an amendment in July of 2025; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2025, CFD authorized the purchase of two additional mobile routers with Wi-Fi without further amending the original purchase order, necessitating a moral obligation; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2025, CFD experienced turnover of multiple positions within its finance division which negatively impacted timely certifications, payments, and other accounting processes; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, Council passed Ordinance No. 13-2026, which authorized other moral obligation payments related to the staff turnover, however the purchase of these mobile routers was not addressed; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in permanent improvement program project account no. 758x272x2000x7316x262720, “Administrative & Firehouse Furniture and Equipment,” to pay Contractor for the mobile routers; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay Contractor for outstanding charges of \$4,440 for information technology equipment purchases made in August 2025; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$4,440 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x272x2000x7316x262720, “Administrative & Firehouse Furniture and Equipment,” as a moral obligation to Upstate Wholesale Supply, Inc. dba Brite (“Contractor”) for information technology equipment purchases made in August 2025.

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

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 pay Contractor in a timely manner for outstanding charges.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk