**AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

WHEREAS, in 2023, after a competitive procurement process, the Cincinnati Health Department ("CHD") engaged Companies By Design, LLC ("Contractor") to perform lead remediation services; and

WHEREAS, CHD prematurely issued Contractor a notice to proceed, prior to executing the contract and encumbering funds; and

WHEREAS, Contractor provided lead remediation services to the City between July and October 2023 pursuant to the notice to proceed; and

WHEREAS, to prevent this from reoccurring in the future, CHD staff will be re-trained to ensure third party services are not provided prior to executing a contract and encumbering funds; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to pay Contractor for the services rendered; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$86,155 to Contractor for expenses incurred for outstanding charges related to lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023; 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 \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

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

Clerk