

**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

JWF

EESW

**An Ordinance No. 14**

- 2026

**AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

WHEREAS, for several years, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (“ASCAP”) has provided an annual license to the City which allows all City departments to play and provide clearance to over one million songs in ASCAP’s catalog; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with ASCAP on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a payment of \$857.06 for music licensing services provided by ASCAP to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) was not properly encumbered on time; and

WHEREAS, this moral obligation payment of \$857.06 will cover the cost of music licensing services provided by ASCAP to CRC between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, CRC staff has been educated on the best practices for properly and timely encumbering funds to pay for music licensing services to prevent moral obligations in the future; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050 x199x1910x7452 to pay for the music licensing services provided by ASCAP; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$857.06 to ASCAP for music licensing services provided to CRC; now, therefore,

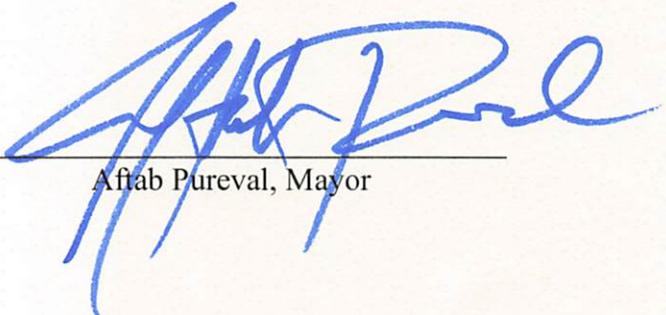
**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (“ASCAP”) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

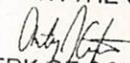
Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

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 ASCAP in a timely manner for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Passed: January 22, 2026

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:   
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 14.2026  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 2/3/2026  
  
CLERK OF COUNCIL