

June 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 202601980

Subject: Ordinance – Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Funding to Replace Aging Water Mains and Service Lines

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$91,000,000 from the Ohio Environment Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to replace aging water mains and service lines; and AUTHORIZING, the Director of Finance to deposit loan funds into Water Works Capital Improvement Fund revenue account no. 756x8569.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding of up to \$91,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to assist with the cost of replacing aging water mains and service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) service area to reduce leaks and breaks. The loan does not require matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the loan.

This funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace aging water mains as part of GCWW's water main replacement program, which may include the following projects: Burch/East Hill/Shaw; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Fireflow 23/Bethany; Budd St; Plum/Court; Mt. Hope/Warsaw; Alms/Chapel; Bader/Henshaw; Blaesi/Camargo; California Golf Course; Concord-Morgan; Handasyde/Michigan/Perkins; Observatory/Shaw/Linshaw; Samver/Leumas; Vine St; Voll/Stanley; and Waster Hills Feeder Ph2.

Assisting with the cost of aging water main and service line replacement projects is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as described on pages 181–185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works