

**January 4, 2024**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Health: Moral Obligation Payment to Hamilton County**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$40,000 from Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449 to Hamilton County as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to harm reduction services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$40,000 from Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449 to Hamilton County as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to harm reduction services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department.

The certification of funds associated with the City's contract with Hamilton County for harm reduction services was cancelled before the payment for outstanding invoices was completed. The Cincinnati Health Department has since implemented an improved communication method to ensure that certification balances will not be cancelled without confirmation from the vendor regarding outstanding balances.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Hamilton County in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment