

October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 202402184

CC: Natasha S. Hampton, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Amending Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 3 of Article VIII -SMU Deputy

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Section 3, “Division of Stormwater Management Utility,” of Article VIII, “City Waterworks,” of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of vesting administrative authority for the Stormwater Management Utility in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility.

It is necessary to amend Article VIII, section 3 of the Administrative Code to vest the Deputy Director with the administrative authority over SMU and leadership over the City’s stormwater services to elevate the importance of stormwater management above the division level to work directly and more effectively with other departments, outside agencies, the public, and City leadership; increase the planning and strategic management of stormwater investments, and improve service to Cincinnati stormwater customers.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to amend Administrative Code to vest administrative authority in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility prior to the commencement of his employment in November 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works *APD for CBB*