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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 229

- 2026

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," effective immediately; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,285,425 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,385,425 from various operating budget accounts and the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund, according to Schedule A of the attached Schedules of Transfer, to implement Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$2,500,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271047, "Farmer Music Center 40(B)," to the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Public Improvement Equivalent Fund 491; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$2,000,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271013, "Farmer Music Center," to the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of permanent improvement program project account no. 980x101x271018, "Fountain Square Safety Improvements," to provide resources for improvements to improve safety and security at Fountain Square and surrounding areas; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 permanent improvement program project account no. 980x101x271018, "Fountain Square Safety Improvements," for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2027 Capital Budget Update; and **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all to carry out the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager's Recommended FY 2027 Budget Update to Council and identified \$2,300,000 in Cannabis Tax revenue receipted in FY 2026, but not yet appropriated, which is now available as a one-time source for the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update; and

WHEREAS, of the \$2,300,000 in Cannabis Tax revenue, the Mayor's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2027 Budget Update include the use of \$1,285,425; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor further identifies an existing \$100,000 available in the Reserve for Special Events and \$1,000,000 in the FY 2027 Reserve for Contingencies General Fund non-departmental account as sources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes consist in part of a supplemental appropriation change of \$85,425 in one-time leveraged support resources to be allocated in August 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes also consist of supplemental appropriation changes of \$200,000 in one-time public safety and community support, including \$100,000 for the Boots on the Ground Program and \$100,000 for the Safe and Clean Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes also consist of supplemental appropriation changes of \$1,100,00 in one-time special events support, including \$1,000,000 for BLINK and \$100,000 for Black Tech Week; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes consist in part of supplemental appropriation changes of \$1,000,000 for one-time economic development and neighborhood stability resources for a disparity study; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor identified reductions totaling \$4,500,000 from two permanent improvement program project accounts among his recommended capital budget changes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended capital budget changes consist of returning to source (1) \$2,500,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271047, "Farmer Music Center 40(B)," to the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Public Improvement Equivalent Fund 491 and (2) \$2,000,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271013, "Farmer Music Center," to the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes consist of reprogramming \$500,000 to permanent improvement program project account no. 980x101x271018, "Fountain Square Safety Improvements," to improve safety and security at Fountain Square and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, passage of this ordinance will transfer resources and authorize expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, pursuant to the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2027 Budget Update; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$2,300,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," effective immediately.

Section 2. That \$1,285,425 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund is transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 3. That \$100,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Section 4. That \$2,385,425 is transferred and appropriated from various operating budget accounts and the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund, according to Schedule A of the attached Schedules of Transfer, to implement Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update.

Section 5. That \$2,500,000 is transferred and returned to source Municipal Public Improvement Equivalent Fund 491 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271047, "Farmer Music Center 40(B)."

Section 6. That \$2,000,000 is transferred and returned to source Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 from permanent improvement program project account no. 980x105x271013, "Farmer Music Center."

Section 7. That permanent improvement program project account no. 980x101x271018, "Fountain Square Safety Improvements," is established to provide resources for improvements to improve safety and security at Fountain Square and surrounding areas.

Section 8. That \$500,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to permanent improvement program project account no. 980x101x271018, "Fountain Square Safety Improvements," for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2027 Capital Budget Update.

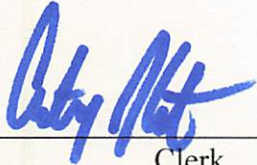
Section 9. That Council declares that the expenditures from the Fountain Square Safety Improvements permanent improvement program project account serve a public purpose because the projects will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

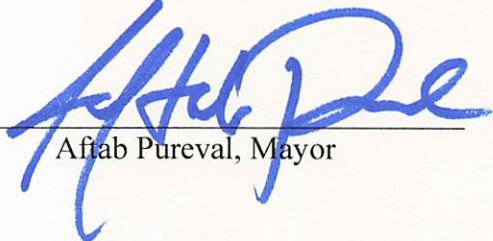
Section 10. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 9 and the attached Schedules of Transfer.

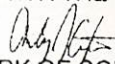
Section 11. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be July 1, 2026, except for Section 1, which is effective immediately.

Section 12. 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 need to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2027, which begins on July 1, 2026.

Passed: June 17, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 229-2024
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 6/30/2024

CLERK OF COUNCIL