

February 19, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202600752  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – FY 2026 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,542,900 within General Fund 050 and from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide resources for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$300,000 within Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund 302 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for the ongoing needs of the Department of Transportation and Engineering and the Department of Public Services; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$335,300 from the unappropriated surplus of 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund 364 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for the ongoing needs of the Emergency Communications Center.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes various transfers and appropriations for FY 2026 as outlined below.

**General Fund - \$1,542,900**

**Emergency Communications Center - \$1,065,000**

The Fire Alarm Operator and Dispatcher positions were transferred from the Cincinnati Fire Department to the Emergency Communications Center and General Fund resources must now be transferred to align with the personnel and fringe benefit expenses associated with those positions.

**Department of Law - \$65,000**

The Department of Law requires additional General Fund non-personnel resources to support the contracts section of the General Counsel Division.

**Department of Human Resources - \$200,000**

The Department of Human Resources has a General Fund non-personnel need related to public safety testing.

**Department of Public Services - \$35,000**

The Department of Public Services has a General Fund non-personnel need related to City Hall maintenance.

Department of Transportation and Engineering - \$62,900

A Department of Community and Economic Development prior year Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program (NCCIP) funding agreement with Riverside Civic and Welfare Club for pre-development work in Anderson Ferry will expire in February 2026, and the NCCIP recipient requested the resources be appropriated to the Department of Transportation and Engineering for right of way work in the Anderson Ferry area. The resources must now be appropriated in the General Fund in the current fiscal year.

Department of Economic Inclusion - \$115,000

The Department of Economic Inclusion must cancel a prior year encumbrance associated with the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio Minority Business Program. These resources must now be appropriated in the General Fund in the current fiscal year for the program to continue.

**Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund - \$300,000**

Department of Transportation and Engineering - \$225,000

The Department of Transportation and Engineering has an Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund personnel need due to lower than expected capital project reimbursements.

Department of Public Services - \$75,000

The Department of Public Services has an Income-Tax-Infrastructure Fund non-personnel need related to building repairs.

**9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund - \$335,300**

Emergency Communications Center - \$335,300

The Emergency Communications Center has a 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund non-personnel need due to prior year moral obligation payments made in the current fiscal year and training expenses for the newly transferred Fire Alarm Operator and Dispatcher positions.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to realign and provide resources within the General Fund and various Restricted Funds for the ongoing needs of City departments.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment