

EMERGENCY

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- 2025

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for a grocery delivery pilot program as a Financial Freedom Initiative.

WHEREAS, in 2023, in Ordinance No. 207-2023, as part of the FY 2024 Operating Budget, Council transferred \$2,125,000 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to preserve resources for Financial Freedom Initiatives for FY 2024 pending additional information to be presented to Council by the Administration on proposed uses of funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, in Ordinance No. 55-2024, pursuant to Council Motion #202400205 adopted on January 24, 2024, \$1,875,000 of the total \$2,125,000 was allocated to the following Financial Freedom Initiatives: \$1,500,000 for medical debt forgiveness and \$375,000 for child savings accounts; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, in Ordinance No. 374-2024, balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” was renamed as “Discretionary Reserve”; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$250,000 in balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” was preserved for a guaranteed basic income pilot program that will now take the form of a grocery delivery pilot program in which the City, in partnership with The Kroger Co., will provide a monthly grocery stipend for qualifying participants; and

WHEREAS, the grocery delivery pilot program aims to increase food accessibility to address root causes of violence; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program will assist eligible residents of the Winton Hills neighborhood, as defined by the geographical boundaries provided by the Winton Hills Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program will include 200 households in the Winton Hills neighborhood that will receive a one-year Kroger Boost membership, provided by The Kroger Co., to allow for the same-day delivery of groceries and a \$100 monthly grocery credit for twelve months; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$250,000 is transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That \$250,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for a grocery delivery pilot program as a Financial Freedom Initiative.

Section 3. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. 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 immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations prior to when schools recess for summer, when low-income families are disproportionately affected by hunger without access to food nutrition programs at schools.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk