

May 13, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601559

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Moral Obligation Payments to Various Vendors**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$136.40 to Rumpke from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x1000x7276 as a moral obligation for trash collection services rendered in February 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$775 to Irvine Wood Recovery, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x3000x7373 as a moral obligation for providing playground turf to the Sinton facility in April 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$119.12 to the Cincinnati Color Company from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7335 as a moral obligation for paint supplies provided in May 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,562.02 to Professional Awards Service, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7364 as a moral obligation for Cincinnati Parks Department uniforms provided in September 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$119.99 to S&S Worldwide from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7381 as a moral obligation for providing a teen and adult balance ball chair in September 2024; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,300.50 to HercRentals from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7413 as a moral obligation for light tower trailer and surveillance camera unit rentals for Burnet Woods in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,785 to Power Equipment Solutions from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7413 as a moral obligation for golf cart rentals provided in November 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$730 to Tree Care, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 326x202x5100x7278 as a moral obligation for tree care services provided in August 2024; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,366.50 to Forevergreen from Cincinnati Parks Department Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 326x202x5200x7373 as a moral obligation for bridge planter maintenance on Fort Washington Way provided in June 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$6,564.95 to CINCYTICKET from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7289 as

a moral obligation for online ticketing services provided for Krohn Conservatory between August and October 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,958 to General Factory Supply from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7362 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided for Krohn Conservatory in February 2023; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$4,535.16 to Eason Horticultural Resources, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7373 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided for Krohn Conservatory in May 2024; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$3,800 to Tree Care, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Urban Forestry Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 428x202x5100x7278 as a moral obligation for tree care services provided in April 2024; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$295 to Nelbud from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7258 as a moral obligation for sprinkler inspections and an air/water gauge provided in June 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$2,216.67 to Winstel Controls from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7258 as a moral obligation for equipment maintenance supplies provided in June 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$607.06 to GBEX from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7335 as a moral obligation for plumbing supplies provided in May 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$18,062.65 to Wm. A. Natorp Co. from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5200x7373 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided in August 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$1,004.75 to Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x2000x7281 as a moral obligation for title insurance related to a land purchase in February 2026; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$6,898.50 to Graf Coyne from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x2000x7281 as a moral obligation for outside legal counsel provided in December 2022; and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$770 to First Student, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x4000x7219 as a moral obligation for bus services provided in April 2025 and March 2026.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the Director of Finance to make the following payments:

1. \$136.40 to Rumpke from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x1000x7276 as a moral obligation for trash collection services rendered in February 2025.
2. \$775 to Irvine Wood Recovery, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x3000x7373 as a moral obligation for providing playground turf to the Sinton facility in April 2025.
3. \$119.12 to the Cincinnati Color Company from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7335 as a moral obligation for paint supplies provided in May 2025.
4. \$1,562.02 to Professional Awards Service, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7364 as a moral obligation for Cincinnati Parks Department uniforms provided in September 2025.
5. \$119.99 to S&S Worldwide from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7381 as a moral obligation for providing a teen and adult balance ball chair in September 2024.
6. \$1,300.50 to HercRentals from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7413 as a moral obligation for light tower trailer and surveillance camera unit rentals for Burnet Woods in July 2025.
7. \$1,785 to Power Equipment Solutions from Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x5000x7413 as a moral obligation for golf cart rentals provided in November 2025.
8. \$730 to Tree Care, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 326x202x5100x7278 as a moral obligation for tree care services provided in August 2024.
9. \$1,366.50 to Forevergreen from Cincinnati Parks Department Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 326x202x5200x7373 as a moral obligation for bridge planter maintenance on Fort Washington Way provided in June 2025.
10. \$6,564.95 to CINCYTICKET from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7289 as a moral obligation for online ticketing services provided for Krohn Conservatory between August and October 2025.
11. \$1,958 to General Factory Supply from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7362 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided for Krohn Conservatory in February 2023.
12. \$4,535.16 to Eason Horticultural Resources, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Krohn Conservatory Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 332x202x3100x7373 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided for Krohn Conservatory in May 2024.
13. \$3,800 to Tree Care, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Urban Forestry Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 428x202x5100x7278 as a moral obligation for tree care services provided in April 2024.
14. \$295 to Nelbud from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7258

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15. \$2,216.67 to Winstel Controls from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7258 as a moral obligation for equipment maintenance supplies provided in June 2025.
16. \$607.06 to GBEX from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5000x7335 as a moral obligation for plumbing supplies provided in May 2025.
17. \$18,062.65 to Wm. A. Natorp Co. from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5200x7373 as a moral obligation for horticulture supplies provided in August 2025.
18. \$1,004.75 to Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x2000x7281 as a moral obligation for title insurance related to a land purchase in February 2026.
19. \$6,898.50 to Graf Coyne from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x2000x7281 as a moral obligation for outside legal counsel provided in December 2022.
20. \$770 to First Student, Inc. from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x203x4000x7219 as a moral obligation for busing services provided in April 2025 and March 2026.

The Cincinnati Parks Department (“Parks”) retained vendors to provide Parks with goods and services between FY 2023 and FY 2026. The vendors included: Rumpke, Irvine Wood Recovery Inc., Cincinnati Color Company, Professional Awards Service Inc., S&S Worldwide, HercRentals, Power Equipment Solutions, Tree Care Inc., Forevergreen, CINCYTICKET, General Factory Supply, Eason Horticultural Resources Inc., Tree Care Inc., Nelbud, Winstel Controls, GBEX, Wm. A. Natorp Co., Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, Graf Coyne, and First Student Inc.

Between FY 2023 and FY 2026, Parks experienced turnover of multiple positions, during which time multiple issues arose related to timely accounting processes. During this time, vendors provided goods or services to Parks without a valid contract, necessitating a moral obligation ordinance to pay the vendors.

Sufficient resources are available in various Parks operating budget accounts to provide moral obligation payments to the vendors.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay vendors for outstanding charges for goods and services provided to the Cincinnati Parks Department between Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment