



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda

### Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

*Chairperson Jeff Cramerding*  
*Vice Chair Evan Nolan*  
*Councilmember Mark Jeffreys*  
*Councilmember Anna Albi*  
*Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney*  
*Councilmember Meeka Owens*  
*Councilmember Scotty Johnson*  
*Councilmember Seth Walsh*  
*Councilmember Ryan James*

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Monday, April 20, 2026

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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### AGENDA

#### MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFICATIONS

1. [202601353](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 606, "Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **ORDAINING** new Sections 606-1-B, "Bite," 606-1-C, "Cat," 606-1-F, "Ferret," 606-1-P, "Police dog," 606-1-QL, "Quarantine," 606-1-Q2, "Quarantine period," 606-13, "Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person," 606-15, "Abatement by the Board of Health," and 606-17, "Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals"; and **AMENDING** Sections 606-1-D, "Dog," 606-1-V, "Veterinarian," 606-3, "Vaccination of Dogs," 606-7, "Duty of Veterinarian," 606-9, "Tag to be Attached to Dog, Cat, or Ferret and Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner," 606-11, "Exceptions," and 606-99, "Penalties"; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 601, "General Provisions," of the CMC by **ORDAINING** new Section 601-35, "Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs"; and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Sections 1501-7, "Class C Civil Offenses," and 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses."

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

#### EASEMENTS

2. [202601347](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for "Water Main Easement A" and "Water Main Easement B" which are easements for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain

real property in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio as designated on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

### **GRANTS**

3. [202601349](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202601348](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

5. [202601351](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, "Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant," to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund ("COTF") grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR") to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, "Red Bank Rd

PID 86461 COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive and administer the grant and complete the project.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

### **CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL**

6. [202601425](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/20/2026, **DECLARING** improvements to certain real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement among the City of Cincinnati, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Emergency Ordinance](#)  
[Attachment](#)

ADJOURNMENT

April 15, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601353  
**Subject: Ordinance – Modifying CMC Chapter 606 – Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 606, "Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **ORDAINING** new Sections 606-1-B, "Bite," 606-1-C, "Cat," 606-1-F, "Ferret," 606-1-P, "Police dog," 606-1-Q1, "Quarantine," 606-1-Q2, "Quarantine period," 606-13, "Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person," 606-15, "Abatement by the Board of Health," and 606-17, "Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals"; and **AMENDING** Sections 606-1-D, "Dog," 606-1-V, "Veterinarian," 606-3, "Vaccination of Dogs," 606-7, "Duty of Veterinarian," 606-9, "Tag to be Attached to Dog, Cat, or Ferret and Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner," 606-11, "Exceptions," and 606-99, "Penalties"; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 601, "General Provisions," of the CMC by **ORDAINING** new Section 601-35, "Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs"; and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Sections 1501-7, "Class C Civil Offenses," and 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses."

Cc: Dr. Grant Mussman, Health Commissioner

**MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 606, “Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) by **ORDAINING** new Sections 606-1-B, “Bite,” 606-1-C, “Cat,” 606-1-F, “Ferret,” 606-1-P, “Police dog,” 606-1-Q1, “Quarantine,” 606-1-Q2, “Quarantine period,” 606-13, “Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person,” 606-15, “Abatement by the Board of Health,” and 606-17, “Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals”; and **AMENDING** Sections 606-1-D, “Dog,” 606-1-V, “Veterinarian,” 606-3, “Vaccination of Dogs,” 606-7, “Duty of Veterinarian,” 606-9, “Tag to be Attached to Dog, Cat, or Ferret and Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner,” 606-11, “Exceptions,” and 606-99, “Penalties”; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 601, “General Provisions,” of the CMC by **ORDAINING** new Section 601-35, “Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs”; and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the CMC by **AMENDING** Sections 1501-7, “Class C Civil Offenses,” and 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses.”

WHEREAS, Chapter 606 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code currently mandates that all dogs within Cincinnati must be vaccinated against rabies; and

WHEREAS, rabies is a deadly viral disease in humans if medical care is not received before symptoms appear; and

WHEREAS, rabies spreads to humans and pets primarily through bites and scratches from an infected animal; and

WHEREAS, an infected animal can transmit the virus even if it does not show immediate signs of illness; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that rabies control measures have significantly reduced rabies as a public health threat in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a ten-day quarantine period allows for observation of potential rabies symptoms, preventing the unnecessary euthanasia of healthy pets to test for the rabies virus; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 955.261 authorizes the Cincinnati Board of Health to impose quarantines for dogs that bite humans; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Section 955.221 further authorizes Council to regulate dog control; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Sections 3709.20 and 3709.22 further authorize the Board of Health to take necessary steps to protect public health and prevent disease, including the implementation of orders and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide the Cincinnati Board of Health with flexible enforcement options to protect public health and ensure that any costs or expenses incurred in achieving compliance are recouped by the public; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that further protecting public health, safety, and general welfare requires the quarantine of any dog, cat, or ferret that bites a person and potentially exposes a person to rabies, ensuring the virus is not transmitted to humans; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare to provide a civil enforcement remedy to the Cincinnati Health Department to expeditiously respond to dog, cat, and ferret bites; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new Sections 606-1-B, “Bite,” 606-1-C, “Cat,” 606-1-F, “Ferret,” 606-1-P, “Police dog,” 606-1-Q1, “Quarantine,” 606-1-Q2, “Quarantine period,” 606-13, “Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person,” 606-15, “Abatement by the Board of Health,” and 606-17, “Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals,” of Chapter 606, “Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) are ordained as follows:

**Sec. 606-1-B. Bite.**

“Bite” or “Bites” means any bite, injury, wound, cut, scrape, abrasion, or puncture that breaks the skin caused by an animal.

**Sec. 606-1-C1. Cat.**

“Cat” means any domestic feline animal of the species *Felis catus*.

**Sec. 606-1-F. Ferret.**

“Ferret” means any member of the subspecies *Mustela putorius furo*.

**Sec. 606-1-P1. Police dog.**

“Police dog” has the same definition as in CMC Section 701-1-P1.

**Sec. 606-1-Q1. Quarantine.**

“Quarantine” shall mean that the owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog, cat, or ferret shall keep it confined in an enclosure that precludes direct contact with people or other animals at a suitable location in the City approved in writing by the Board of Health, including on the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger; in a pound; shelter; or state-licensed kennel.

**Sec. 606-1-Q2. Quarantine period.**

“Quarantine period” shall mean the duration of time ordered by the Board of Health to ensure that the animal is not afflicted with rabies and until the animal has a rabies vaccination. Notwithstanding, no quarantine period for a dog, cat, or ferret that bites a person shall be less than ten days.

**Sec. 606-13. Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person.**

- (a) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret shall knowingly fail to report any bite of a person by the animal within 24 hours to the Board of Health.
- (b) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret who has bitten a person shall fail to immediately quarantine the animal for the quarantine period ordered by the Board of Health.
  - 1. The owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret in quarantine shall immediately notify the Board of Health of the location of the quarantine.
  - 2. No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret in quarantine shall transfer the animal except to the county dog warden or any other animal control authority. The owner, keeper, or harbinger shall notify the Board of Health prior to the transfer.
  - 3. No person shall knowingly remove a dog, cat, or ferret from the jurisdiction where the bite occurred during the quarantine.
- (c) The owner, keeper, or harbinger shall immediately notify the Board of Health of any signs of illness of a dog, cat, or ferret during a quarantine.
- (d) An owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret in quarantine shall report the death of the animal to the Board of Health. No person shall fail to comply with an order to deliver the animal’s remains to the Board of Health.
- (e) No person shall knowingly cause the death of a dog, cat, or ferret during the animal’s quarantine except by order by the Board of Health or to prevent injury or death.
- (f) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, cat, or ferret in quarantine shall fail to comply with an order by the Board of Health to submit the animal to an examination or testing for rabies or to report the results of the examination.
- (g) This Section does not apply to a police dog that is under the care of a veterinarian or has bitten a person while the police dog is being used for law enforcement, corrections, prison or jail security, or investigative purposes. If a police dog exhibits signs of illness or abnormal behavior after biting a person, the keeper or harbinger of a police dog shall notify the Board of Health and comply with any order by the Board of Health for an examination or testing for rabies of the police dog by a veterinarian.

**Section 606-15. Abatement by Board of Health.**

The Board of Health may seize any animal subject to the provisions of this Chapter, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955, Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-3, or any related or successor statutes, ordinances, or regulations to ensure compliance, abate any public nuisance or threatened public nuisance, or to correct or avoid any threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

**Section 606-17. Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals.**

The owner, keeper, or harbinger of an animal shall bear all costs associated with compliance with the requirements of this Chapter, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955, Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-3, or any related or successor statutes, ordinances, or regulations. The Board of Health may collect from the owner, keeper, or harbinger of an animal subject to this Chapter any cost or expense incurred with abatement or compliance including but not limited to investigation, vaccination, transportation, boarding, quarantine, examination, testing, euthanizing or destruction of an animal, administrative or support staff fees, attorney’s fees, or court costs.

The Board of Health may invoice the costs to the responsible party and request the City Solicitor commence a civil action to collect any unpaid debts.

Section 2. That Sections 606-1-D, “Dog,” 606-1-V, “Veterinarian,” 606-3, “Vaccination of Dogs,” 606-7, “Duty of Veterinarian,” 606-9, “Tag to be Attached to Dog Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner,” 606-11, “Exceptions,” and 606-99, “Penalties,” of the CMC are amended as follows:

**Chapter 606 – RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS AND QUARANTINES**

**Sec. 606-1-D. Dog.**

“Dog” shall include any domesticated animal of the *canis familiaris* species ~~dogs~~ of either sex ~~more than~~ at least three months of age.

**Sec. 606-1-V. Veterinarian.**

“Veterinarian” shall mean any person licensed to practice the profession of veterinary medicine in the state in which the veterinarian practices veterinarian medicine ~~in the State of Ohio.~~

**Sec. 606-3. Vaccination of Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets.**

It shall be the duty of every person who owns or harbors a dog, cat, or ferret ~~or dogs~~ in the ~~C~~city of Cincinnati to have such dog, cat, or ferret ~~or dogs~~ inoculated by a veterinarian with a rabies vaccine so that the dog, cat, or ferret is continually protected against rabies by having the dog, cat, or ferret revaccinated as necessary; provided, however, that dogs, cat, or ferret shall not be required to be vaccinated before reaching the age of three months.

No person shall fail to have such dog or dogs inoculated.

**Sec. 606-7. Duty of Veterinarian.**

It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, when inoculating a dog, cat, or ferret with anti-rabic vaccine, to complete the rabies vaccination certificate as recommended by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc., or its equivalent containing the same information as such, and without delay, distribute a copy of the certificate to the dog, cat, or ferret owner or harborer. A copy shall be retained by the veterinarian.

At the time of the inoculation of any dog, cat, or ferret, the veterinarian shall also deliver to the owner or harborer of said dog, cat, or ferret a durable rabies vaccination tag, as evidence of such inoculation with anti-rabic vaccine.

**Sec. 606-9. Proof of Vaccination Status, Tag to be Attached to Dog and Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner.**

~~Every owner or harborer of a dog, cat, or ferret, shall retain or provide proof of vaccination status to the Board of Health. In the absence of proof submitted to the Board of Health, the animal shall be presumed to be unvaccinated. upon obtaining the tag from a veterinarian, shall immediately attach the tag to the collar or harness of said dog to be worn by said dog at all times. The certificate obtained from the veterinarian shall be retained by the owner or harborer of such for inspection by the officials of the health and police department at all times.~~

**Sec. 606-11. Exceptions.**

The requirement imposed by Section 606-3 shall not apply to dogs, cats, or ferrets kept by regularly chartered medical colleges or other educational or scientific institutions to be used for scientific purposes or to dogs, cats, or ferrets kept in licensed breeding kennels and confined to the premises at all times and to dogs, cats, or ferrets brought to the eCity for exhibition purposes at any dog, cat, or ferret show, provided a permit for the holding of such show is obtained from the bBoard of hHealth.

**Sec. 606-99. Penalties.**

- (a) ~~Whoever violates any provision of this eChapter shall be fined not more than \$109~~ commits a Class C Civil Offense as defined by Section 1501-7 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.
- (b) Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter for a second time in one year or less commits a Class D Civil Offense as defined by Section 1501-9 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 3. That new Section 601-35, “Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs,” of the CMC is ordained as follows:

**Section 601-35. Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs.**

- (a) In addition to any other remedy available under the law, any person who has violated, threatens to violate, or committed chronic violations of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, code, or order that the Board of Health or its designee is charged to enforce shall be enjoined. The court may fashion whatever relief is appropriate to ensure compliance or to maintain or restore public health, safety, and welfare including, but not limited to, civil penalties, contempt, or appointment of a receiver. The City Solicitor may commence a civil action to obtain relief upon request by the Board of Health or its designee.
- (b) Any person who fails to comply with any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, code, or order that the Board of Health or its designee is charged to enforce shall pay any cost or expense incurred by the Board of Health or its designee to achieve compliance or abatement of the hazard. If the person fails to pay a cost or expense after notice, the debt may be collected using any remedy available at law including, but not limited to commencing a civil action to obtain a judgment; or placing a lien on benefited real property in accordance with the process set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 715.26, 715.261, and 731.54 or any successor sections.

Section 4. That Section 1501-7, “Class C Civil Offenses,” and 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses” of the CMC are amended as follows:

**Sec. 1501-7. - Class C Civil Offenses.**

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class C Civil Offense. If the provision is listed under paragraph (a) below, the otherwise applicable civil fine is reduced by 50% if the person charged shows in accordance with § 1501-15 that the violation has been corrected. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense is liable for the civil fine for the subsequent offense provided below, the amount of which fine is specified in § 1501-99 and is not subject to reduction for correction of the violation.

- (a) Class C Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 514-15	Violation and Revocation	Class D
(2)	§ 602-1	Permitting Unclean Habitations	Class D

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(3)	§ 602-7	Vacation of Unsanitary Premises	Class D
(4)	§ 604-5	All Improved Premises to be Rat-Proofed	Class D
(5)	<del>§ 606-3</del> Chapter 606	<u>Rabies Vaccination and Quarantines of Dogs</u>	Class D
(6)	Chapter 743	Urban Forestry	Class D
(7)	§ 747-3	Limited Franchise Permit Required	Class D
(8)	§ 802-5(G)	Regulation of Recycled Content Paper Bags and Reusable Bags	Class D
(9)	§ 802-7	Reporting on Distribution of Bags and Collection of Charges	Class D
(10)	§ 869-7	Wrecking License Required	Class D
(11)	§ 1201-1	Cincinnati Fire Prevention Code	Class C
(12)	§ 1201-57	Permits	Class C
(13)	Chapter 1203	Motor Equipment in Places of Assembly	Class C
(14)	Chapter 1207	Drills	Class C
(15)	§ 1209-3	Hazardous Existing Electrical Wiring and Equipment	Class C
(16)	Chapter 1211	Fire Extinguishers	Class C
(17)	§ 1219-11	Flameproof Decorations	Class C
(18)	§ 1219-25	Chimneys and Fireplaces	Class C
(19)	§ 1219-31	Air Conditioning	Class C
(20)	§ 1219-35	Residential Storage	Class C
(21)	§ 1219-43	Fire Escapes	Class C

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(22)	§ 1219-57	Restrictions on Parking Motor Vehicles	Class C
(23)	§ 1219-61	Shaftways	Class C
(24)	§ 1219-63	Inspection, Safety Provisions	Class C
(25)	§ 1219-65	Location of Exits	Class C
(26)	§ 1219-67	Interior Stairway Doors	Class C
(27)	Chapter 1227	Storage, General Requirements	Class C
(28)	§ 1229-3	Water Flow Requirements	Class C
(29)	§ 1229-9	Private Fire Hydrants	Class C
(30)	§§ 723-5, 723-19	Structures in the Public Right-of-Way	Class D
(31)	§§ 723-44, 723-50	Mobile Food Vending	Class C
(32)	§ 723-24	Bike Share Stations	Class C

(b) Class C Civil Offense With Civil Fines Not Subject to 50% Reduction to Correction for Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	Chapter 404	Electricity	Class D
(2)	Chapter 405	Telegraph and Telephone	Class D
(3)	Chapter 414	Valet Parking	Class D
(4)	§ 506-63	Driving on Sidewalk Area	Class D
(5)	§ 506-64	Driving on New Pavement	Class D

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(6)	§ 718-23	Unlawful Private Use of Streets	Class D
(7)	§ 721-71	Permits for Sidewalk Construction	Class D
(8)	§ 721-81	Sidewalk Construction Without Permit Unlawful	Class D
(9)	§ 729-73	Discharging Noisome Substances	Class D
(10)	§ 729-83	Refrigerators, Abandoning	Class C
(11)	§ 729-89(d)	Improper Disposal of Construction Debris or Hazardous Waste	Class D
(12)	§ 1215-3	Safe Practices	Class C
(13)	§ 1219-17	Misuse of Fire Protection Equipment	Class C
(14)	§ 1231-9	Tampering with Fire Hydrants	Class C
(15)	§ 1231-13	Unlicensed Use of Fire Hydrants Prohibited	Class C
(16)	§ 701-2(B)(2)	Leash Required; Responsibility for Injury ( <i>Menacing Fashion</i> )	Class C
(17)	§ 701-2(B)(3)	Leash Required; Responsibility for Injury ( <i>Injury</i> )	Class C
(18)	§ 856-25(b)	Failure to Obtain a Short Term Rental Registration	Class D
(19)	§ 856-25(e)	Failure of Short Term Rental Housing Platform to Comply with Obligations	Class D

**Sec. 1501-9. Class D Civil Offenses.**

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class D Civil Offense. If the provision is listed under paragraph (a) below, the otherwise applicable civil fine is reduced by 50% if the person charged shows in accordance with § 1501-15 that the violation has been corrected. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on

being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense is liable for the civil fine for the subsequent offense provided below, which fine is specified in § 1501-99 and is not subject to reduction for correction of the violation.

(a) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 720-13	Private Facilities	Class E
(2)	§ 720-45	Notice of Violations	Class E
(3)	§ 720-69	Notice to Correct Drainage	Class E
(4)	Chapter 855	Rooming Houses	Class D
(5)	Chapter 895	Outdoor Advertising Signs	Class D
(6)	Chapter 1101	Administration, Cincinnati Building Code	Class E
(7)	Chapter 1106	General and Specialty Contractors	Class E
(8)	Chapter 1107	Elevator and Conveyer Equipment	Class E
(9)	Chapter 1117	Housing Code	Class E
(10)	Chapter 1119	Building Hazard Abatement Code	Class E
(11)	Chapter 1127	General Inspection Programs Code	Class E
(12)	Title XIV	Zoning Code	Class E
(13)	§ 1201-21	Maintenance	Class D
(14)	§ 1201-33	Evacuation	Class D
(15)	§ 1201-35	Spills and Leaks	Class D
(16)	Chapter 1235	Detectors, Early Fire Warning Systems	Class D
(17)	§ 1123-11(a)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to register a vacant, foreclosed property.	Class E
(18)	§ 874-07(a)	Failure to Register Residential Rental Property	Class D

(19)	Chapter 1109	Flood Damage Reduction	Class E
(20)	§ 871-14	Landlord's Obligation to Provide Tenant Relocation Assistance	Class D

(b) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Not Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 718-25	Secret Street Uses	Class E
(2)	§ 721-59	Taking Material from Streets	Class E
(3)	§ 729-71(c)(2)	Personal Property Left Abandoned on Streets and Sidewalks - 4 or more items	Class D
(4)	§ 761-14	Eviction or Retaliation by Landlord	Class E
(5)	Chapter 891	Home Improvement	Class E
(6)	§ 1201-47	Failure to Comply with Orders	Class D
(7)	§ 1219-21	Causing Fire Through Negligence	Class D
(8)	Chapter 1251	Fire Starting Apparatus	Class D
(9)	§ 759-4	Use of a Motor Vehicle to Facilitate a Drug Related Crime	Class D
(10)	Chapter 722	Management and Control of the Use of the City Right-of-Way	Class E
(11)	Chapter 730	Commercial Waste Franchises	
(12)	§ 856-25(c)	Violation of Limitations on Operators or Operation of Short Term Rentals	Class D
(13)	§ 1125-17(1)	Failure to Register a Vacant Building	Class E
(14)	§ 1601-57	Enforcement of Emergency Orders	Class D
(15)	§ 1601-59	Enforcement of Health Orders	Class D
(16)	§ 723-79	Failure to Obtain Streetcar Power-Down or Shutdown Work Permit	Class D

(17)	Chapter 811	e-Scooter Rental Franchises	Class D
(18)	§ 915-7	Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordinance	Class D
(19)	<u>Chapter 606</u>	<u>Rabies Vaccinations and Quarantines</u>	<u>Class D</u>

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 to 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Deletions are indicated by strikethrough; additions are indicated by underline.

April 15, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202601347

**Subject: Ordinance –Accepting and Confirming the Grant of a Public Utility Easement at Trailhead Subdivision**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for “Water Main Easement A” and “Water Main Easement B” which are easements for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio as designated on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office.

The Drees Company, a Kentucky corporation, has granted and dedicated public utility easements in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances. This ordinance is to accept the owner’s grant of easements to the City for the water mains and related infrastructure. The Greater Cincinnati Water Works Chief Engineer has examined and approved the Easement Plat as to its technical features and found it to be correct.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

**ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for “Water Main Easement A” and “Water Main Easement B” which are easements for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio as designated on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office.

WHEREAS, The Drees Company, a Kentucky Corporation, has granted and dedicated public utility easements in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property located in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, being “Water Main Easement A” and “Water Main Easement B” as more particularly depicted and described on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office (“Easement Plat”); and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Chief Engineer has examined and approved the Easement Plat as to its technical features and found it to be correct; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the City Manager, upon consultation with the Greater Cincinnati Water Works, recommends that Council accept and confirm the acceptance of the aforementioned public utility easements; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the public utility easements granted by The Drees Company, a Kentucky Corporation, to the City of Cincinnati for the construction, installation, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, modification, and removal of water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, as more particularly depicted and described as “Water Main Easement A” and “Water Main Easement B” on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office, and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby accepted and confirmed. The real property encumbered by each public utility easement is more particularly described as follows:

Water Main Easement A

Situated in Section 10, Town 2, Range 1-East, Crosby Township, City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being the lots designated as Open Space B and Lots 14 and 15 of the Trailhead Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 501, Pages 35-42, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

Water Main Easement B

Situated in Section 10, Town 2, Range 1-East, Crosby Township, City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being the lots designated as Open Space B, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Trailhead Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 501, Pages 35-42, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

Section 2. That the City Solicitor shall cause an authenticated copy of this ordinance to be recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

Section 3. That the proper City officers and officials are authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

April 15, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202601349

**Subject: Ordinance – OES: Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) Grant Program**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

This grant does not require matching resources, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The grant application deadline was February 27, 2026, and the City has already applied for the grant. No grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Providing resources for waste diversion programs is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181 – 185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment



**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$300,000 is available from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was February 27, 2026, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, providing resources for waste diversion programs is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181 – 185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

April 15, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

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

202601348

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women (WHW). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

The FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Formula is available through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to be jointly awarded to the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to specify that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charge to the County by the City, resulting in a total received by the City of up to \$150,388.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

In order to meet the grant application deadline of April 28, 2026, the City may submit its application prior to receiving the City Council’s approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without prior City Council approval.

Supporting additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-158 and 160-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment

**EMERGENCY**

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**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$273,433 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) two be jointly awarded to the City and Hamilton County, Ohio (“County”); and

WHEREAS, if these resources are awarded, the City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding specifying that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charged to the County by the City, resulting in the City receiving a total of up to \$150,388; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department intends to use these grant resources to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant requires no matching funds, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, to meet the grant application deadline of April 28, 2026, the City may submit its application prior to receiving Council’s approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, supporting additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-158 and 160-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and 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 need to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

April 15, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202601351

**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Red Bank Road COTF Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive and administer the grant and complete the project.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood.
2. The City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).
3. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”.

On April 12, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0120-2023 authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. On December 21, 2024, ODNR awarded the City a grant of up to \$500,000 to fund construction of the Red Bank Road shared-use path along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood.

The City of Cincinnati will be responsible for maintaining the shared-use path in a safe and functional condition throughout its life, including vegetation control, trash removal, routine inspections, minor signage and markings maintenance, pavement upkeep and spot repairs, drainage corrections, and snow and ice control.

The Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant requires matching resources of up to \$166,667, which will be covered by capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252310, "Red Bank Rd Shared Use Path," future capital budget accounts, or other eligible grant resources. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Constructing the Red Bank Road shared-use path is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel" and "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment



**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive and administer the grant and complete the project.

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, Council passed Ordinance No. 120-2023 authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”); and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2024, ODNR awarded the City a grant of up to \$500,000 to fund construction of the Red Bank Road shared-use path along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching resources of up to \$166,667, to be provided from capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252310, “Red Bank Rd Shared Use Path,” future capital budget projects, or other eligible grant resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City will be responsible for maintaining the shared-use path in a safe and functional condition throughout its life, including vegetation control, trash removal, routine inspections, minor signage and markings maintenance, pavement upkeep and spot repairs, drainage corrections, and snow and ice control; and

WHEREAS, constructing the Red Bank Road shared-use path is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to assist

with the construction of the Red Bank Road shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to complete this project, including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the ODNR grant resources.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk  
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April 20, 2026

**To:** Members of the Budget, Finance, & Governance Committee

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

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Tax Increment Financing Exemption for Convention Center Headquarters Hotel**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

DECLARING improvements to certain real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement among the City of Cincinnati, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and AMENDING Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.

### **STATEMENT**

The Convention Headquarters Hotel project is a critical component of the City's broader Convention District strategy and is essential to maintaining Cincinnati's competitiveness in the national convention and tourism market. The project will activate underutilized publicly controlled land, strengthen connections between the Convention Center and other Downtown assets such as Fountain Square, and support increased convention bookings, visitor spending, and long-term economic activity.

### **BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS**

Ordinance No. 52-2026 authorized the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with Cincinnati CH (OH) LLC and the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, pertaining to the development of the Convention Center Headquarters Hotel project at 251 West Fifth Street and 240 West Fourth Street in the Central Business District. The project will include the construction of a 700-room premium branded hotel with full service amenities, 63,000 square feet of meeting space, a 17,000 square foot outdoor event area, 4,500 square feet of leasable ground floor commercial space, and an attached elevated pedestrian walkway connecting the hotel to the Convention Center and the Convention Center Garage located at 210 W. Fourth Street (formerly Whex Garage).

The Development Agreement provides for City assistance to the project in the form of a 30-year property tax increment financing (TIF) exemption pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, subject to passage by Council of this separate

ordinance authorizing the tax exemption. Passage of this ordinance is a necessary step to create the contemplated tax increment financing exemption.

The City Administration has completed the property conveyance - reconveyance required prior to passage of the TIF exemption ordinance, and the developer has met the necessary due diligence requirements to be ready to commence construction.

### **DEVELOPER INFORMATION**

Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC is a subsidiary of Portman Holdings, a real estate development and management firm headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded in 1957, Portman has developed more than 75 million square feet of hospitality, industrial, and mixed-use projects nationwide. Their portfolio includes multiple convention center headquarters hotels in major cities such as Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Charlotte.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance. The emergency clause is necessary to confirm City support prior to financial closing and so that construction can commence at the earliest possible time.

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2026

**DECLARING** improvements to certain real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement among the City of Cincinnati, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.

WHEREAS, as authorized by Ordinance No. 52-2026, passed by Council on February 25, 2026, the City of Cincinnati (the "City"), the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC ("Developer"), entered into that certain Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement"), pertaining to the redevelopment of certain real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, which property is more particularly described on Attachment A to this ordinance (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City executed the Development Agreement in order to create or preserve jobs and improve the economic welfare of the people of Cincinnati, consistent with Section 13 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City executed the Development Agreement in furtherance of a program of redevelopment the City undertook pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Charter and ordinances of the City, and Plan Cincinnati (2012); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Development Agreement, (i) the City acquired fee title to the Property from the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port") on behalf of Developer; and (ii) the City subsequently re-conveyed the Property to the Port on behalf of Developer, to enable Developer to undertake its redevelopment obligations under the Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the boundaries of the District 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, which was created by Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed by Council on December 18, 2002, as subsequently amended (the "TIF District Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the transactions described in these recitals and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 5709.916(E), the City desires to amend the TIF District Ordinance to exclude the Property and to provide for an exemption for the Property in accordance with the Development Agreement pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.41; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Sections 5709.41, 5709.42, and 5709.43 provide that Council may, in furtherance of its redevelopment activities: (i) declare by ordinance to be a public purpose any Improvement (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.41) to a parcel of real property and thereby authorize the exemption of such Improvement from real property taxation for a period of time if (a) the City held fee title to the parcel at any time prior to the adoption of the ordinance, and (b) the parcel is leased, or the fee of the parcel is conveyed, to any person either before or after the adoption of the ordinance; (ii) require the payment of service payments in lieu of taxes by the owner or owners of the parcel; and (iii) establish an urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of those service payments; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and appropriate, in furtherance of the City's redevelopment activities, and in the best interests of the City, to (i) provide for exemption of the Improvement to the Property from real property taxation, and for the payment of semiannual service payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Property ("Service Payments"), pursuant to R.C. Sections 5709.41 through 5709.43; and (ii) enter into a Service Agreement with Developer, in substantially the form attached to the Development Agreement, to establish certain terms and conditions regarding the payment and application of the Service Payments as further described therein, including the application of Service Payments to the payment of debt service (including principal and interest), administrative expenses, and other amounts due under a cooperative agreement relating to revenue bond obligations to be issued by the Port and the State of Ohio, by and through the Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund, and to repay certain obligations of the City; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 5709.41, Council hereby declares that 100 percent of the increase in the assessed value of the Improvement (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.41) to the real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in Cincinnati, which property is more particularly described on Attachment A to this ordinance (the "Property"), is a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation commencing on the first day of the tax year in which an Improvement of at least \$40,000,000 resulting from the redevelopment activities on the Property first appears on the tax duplicate of real and public utility property, and ending after the Improvement has been exempted from real property taxation for thirty years, or on the date on which the City of Cincinnati (the "City") can no longer require service payments to be paid on the Improvement, all in accordance with the requirements of R.C. Sections 5709.41 through 5709.43.

Section 2. That Council hereby confirms, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of R.C. Section 5709.42, that the owners from time to time of all or any portion of the

Property shall be required to pay service payments in lieu of taxes (“Service Payments”) with respect to the Improvement, subject to the specific terms and conditions provided for in the service agreement to be entered into with respect to the Property, in substantially the form attached to the Development Agreement among the City, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio (the “County”), and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC (“Developer”), pertaining to the redevelopment of the Property (the “Service Agreement,” and the “Development Agreement,” respectively). The Service Payments shall be paid to the County Treasurer on or before the final dates for payment of real property taxes, for payment by the County Treasurer to the City.

Section 3. That any and all Service Payments received by the City shall be deposited into Fund No. 763, Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund II, established by Ordinance No. 217-2015 (the “Fund Ordinance”).

Section 4. That Council hereby confirms, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of R.C. Section 5709.43, that the Service Payments shall be used in accordance with the Fund Ordinance and shall be applied in accordance with the Development Agreement, the Service Agreement, and a cooperative agreement (the “Cooperative Agreement”) to be entered into among the City, the County, Developer, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the “Port”), the Convention District Community Authority, and the trustee with respect to obligations to be issued to finance the redevelopment of the Property (the “Trustee”), and any such other agreements as may be necessary and appropriate to facilitate construction financing for the redevelopment of the Property. The Service Agreement, the Cooperative Agreement, and any such other agreements may include provisions for the assignment, pledge, and transfer of the Service Payments to the Port or the Trustee. To the extent necessary to secure such obligations, Council hereby pledges such Service Payments to secure the obligations of the City, the Port, and the State of Ohio, by and through the Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund (“OEBF”), issued to finance the redevelopment of the Property.

Section 5. That Council confirms its approval in all respects of the Development Agreement and the Service Agreement, which provide for, among other things, (a) covenants running with the land of the owner(s), from time to time, of the Property, including covenants relating to the obligation to pay Service Payments; (b) compensation to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District pursuant to its Tax Incentive Agreement with the City effective as of April 28, 2020, as subsequently amended; and (c) with respect to the Development Agreement, the application of Service Payments together with new community authority charges, City transient occupancy tax payments, and County transient occupancy tax payments (collectively, “Pledged Revenues”) to (i) pay debt service (inclusive of principal and interest), administrative expenses, and other amounts due under the Cooperative Agreement and as further described therein, on revenue bond obligations to be issued by the Port and OEBF (the “Bond Obligations”), and (ii) from amounts of Pledged Revenues outstanding following payment of the Bond Obligations, repay certain obligations owed to the City pursuant to the Development Agreement (the “City Loan Obligations”), until such obligations are no longer outstanding, to be used by the City for any lawful purpose. Once the Bond Obligations and the City Loan Obligations are no longer outstanding, any Service Payments may be used by the City for any lawful purpose.

Section 6. That Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as subsequently amended (the “TIF District Ordinance”), is hereby amended to remove the Property from the property tax exemption area created thereby.

Section 7. That the TIF District Ordinance, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate actions to fulfill the terms of this ordinance, the Development Agreement, the Service Agreement, and the Cooperative Agreement, including, without limitation, executing any and all

ancillary agreements and other documents and filing any required applications for tax exemption with the Hamilton County Auditor and State Tax Commissioner.

Section 9. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of Council, and that all deliberations of Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. Section 121.22.

Section 10. That, pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.41(E), the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this ordinance to the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Development (“ODOD”), 77 South High Street, 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, within fifteen days after its passage, and that, on or before March 31 of each year that the exemption set forth in Section 1 hereof remains in effect, the City Manager is authorized to prepare and submit to the Director of ODOD the status report required under R.C. Section 5709.41(E).

Section 11. 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 to enable the parties to close on financing for construction of the improvements to the Property described in the Development Agreement to commence at the earliest possible time, for the economic welfare of the citizens of Cincinnati.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

Date: September 8, 2025  
Description: Port of Greater Cincinnati  
Hotel - Consolidation  
Location: City of Cincinnati  
Hamilton County, Ohio



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thence, departing the south right of way of said West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and with the west line of said Lot 1, South 09° 49' 28" East, 398.10 feet to the north right of way of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street (66' R/W) being referenced by a set cross notch being South 09° 49' 28" East, 3.00 feet;

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