

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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

- 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x202366, "Martin Luther King Jr. Monument," for the purpose of providing resources for permanent improvements to return the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue to Reading Road and Martin Luther King Drive.

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue at Reading Road and Martin Luther King Drive served as a memorial to the civil rights leader; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Transportation construction of a new interchange on Interstate 71 required the removal of the statue which is now in storage; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to dedicate resources for permanent improvements to return the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue to Reading Road and Martin Luther King Drive in the Avondale neighborhood of the City; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x202366, "Martin Luther King Jr. Monument," for the purpose of providing resources for permanent improvements to return the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue to Reading Road and Martin Luther King Drive.

Section 2. That the "Martin Luther King Jr. Monument," capital improvement program project is hereby declared to serve a public purpose because the project will return the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue to a place of prominence in the City as a memorial to the civil rights leader.

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

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 return the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue to a place of prominence in the City.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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