

December 13, 2021

To: Councilmember David Mann

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

SM 202103290

Subject: Ordinance – Utility Funded Lead Service Line Replacement

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) to provide 100% utility-funded private lead service line replacement, subject to the availability of appropriated funds in Private Lead Service Line Replacement operating account no. 312x301x7200, when the property owner and the City have entered into a contract for GCWW to replace the private lead service line on the owner’s property.

GCWW initiated its Lead Service Line Replacement Program in 2017 to assist homeowners with replacement of the private lead service line on the owner’s property. Currently, owners may contract with the City for a GCWW contractor to complete the replacement with GCWW providing a reduction in cost by 40% (up to \$1500) off of the contractor cost. To date, the program has replaced 3200 private lead service lines and has been nationally recognized by USEPA.

Due to changes in USEPA regulations, GCWW will likely be required to increase replacements to 1200 lead service lines annually. To further assist and incentivize owners to replace their lead service lines, this ordinance would provide for GCWW to pay the full cost of private lead service line replacements performed through contracts with the City. The funding for this program was included in the water rate study that was the basis of the rate increase approved by City Council in June 2021.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director/Greater Cincinnati Water Works

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