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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 132

- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Park Board to accept donations of money from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 revenue account no. 326x8572.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Park Board (“Park Board”) regularly receives numerous donations of varying types and value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources in support of its programming and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to establish parameters under which the City Manager and Park Board may accept donations without prior discrete Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board is authorized to accept donations of money from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 for the purpose of supporting Park Board programming and services; and

WHEREAS, Council will continue to approve discrete ordinances for donations individually valued above the established maximums, requests for the solicitation of donations, and donations to be used for Park Board capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board will continue to track individual donations and will provide reports on a quarterly basis to the City Manager and Council regarding donations received in accordance with the parameters established in Ordinance No. 62-2024; and

WHEREAS, these donations do not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these donations; and

WHEREAS, accepting monetary donations to fund Park Board operations is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 207-211 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 and employees of the Cincinnati Park Board are authorized to accept donations of money from the Cincinnati business community, individual

benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit donated funds accepted in accordance with this ordinance into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 revenue account no. 326x8572.

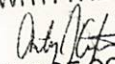
Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 2, including the City Manager approving policies and procedures for things such as handling cash donations, determining appropriate in-kind donations, and identifying appropriate sources of donations.

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 establish donation parameters to allow for the timely acceptance of donations to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services.

Passed: May 13, 2026

Janichole Lemoyne
VICE Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 132-2026
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 5/20/2026

CLERK OF COUNCIL