

## **EMERGENCY**

**MSS**

**- 2025**

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA,” to provide resources for the purchase of equipment necessary to process wood waste into biochar within the City’s biochar processing facility; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$97,085 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Innovation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA”; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA.”

WHEREAS, a new biochar processing facility will soon be constructed in Eden Park; and

WHEREAS, a grant of \$97,085 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Innovation to support the purchase of equipment necessary to process wood waste into biochar within the new processing facility; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the grant on December 5, 2024, and was notified of an award on April 2, 2025, however no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a local match of \$24,271, which will be provided from existing resources in capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Facility”; and

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

WHEREAS, providing equipment for a biochar processing facility 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 well as the goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” as described on pages 181-185 and 193 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA,” is established to provide resources for the purchase of equipment necessary to process wood waste into biochar within the City’s biochar processing facility.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$97,085 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Innovation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252045, “Biochar Facility Equipment – Ohio EPA.”

Section 4. 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 3.

Section 5. 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 comply with grant deadlines for acceptance of funds.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor