

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$400,000 is available from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant Program (ALN 10.935); and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide resources to divert food waste from landfills and create compost; and

WHEREAS, matching resources of up to \$100,000 are anticipated to be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF”; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, but temporary personnel may be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is June 15, 2023, and the City may apply for the grant prior to receiving approval from Council, but no funds will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost 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 Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost.

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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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