

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602468

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Fire: Moral Obligation Payment to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$164,375.11 to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7289 as a moral obligation for billing and collection services on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department from December 2025 through February 2026.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes a payment of \$164,375.11 to Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7289 as a moral obligation for billing and collection services on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department from December 2025 through February 2026.

On December 1, 2020, the City entered into an agreement with a predecessor or related entity of Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. to provide billing and collection services on behalf of the Cincinnati Fire Department for emergency medical service runs. The City's agreement expired on November 30, 2025 after a contract continuation was not timely signed and returned to the City. Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. continued to provide billing and collection services through February 2026, outside of a contract, necessitating a moral obligation payment.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Change Healthcare Holdco Inc. for outstanding charges for services provided to the City from December 2025 through February 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment