ESTABLISHING department number 017, "Councilmember Ryan James," to establish an office budget for Councilmember Ryan James; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$66,360 from Councilmember Victoria Parks General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x027x7100 to Councilmember Ryan James General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x017x7100 to provide personnel resources for the office of Councilmember Ryan James; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,251 from Councilmember Victoria Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x027x7200 to Councilmember Ryan James General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x017x7200 to provide non-personnel resources for the office of Councilmember Ryan James.

WHEREAS, sufficient resources for each Councilmember for the entirety of FY 2026 were appropriated as part of the Approved FY 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department previously encumbered and reserved approximately half of each Councilmember's FY 2026 budgeted resources for the second half of FY 2026, with the intention to either release each encumbrance for use, or transfer the resources to newly elected councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Ryan James was newly elected to Council in the November 2025 general election and will require operating resources for the remainder of FY 2026, effective January 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the encumbered resources associated with President Pro Tem Victoria Parks for the second half of FY 2026 will be released and transferred to the new Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department also will release the remaining FY 2026 resources to each of the eight returning councilmembers; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That department number 017, "Councilmember Ryan James," is established as the department number for the office of Councilmember Ryan James.

Section 2. That the transfer and appropriation of \$66,360 from Councilmember Victoria Parks General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x027x7100 to Councilmember Ryan James General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x017x7100 is authorized to provide personnel resources for the office of Councilmember Ryan James.

Section 3. That the transfer and appropriation of \$1,251 from Councilmember Victoria Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x027x7200 to Councilmember Ryan James General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x017x7200 is authorized to provide non-personnel resources for the office of Councilmember Ryan James.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of 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 need to transfer resources for use by the office of Councilmember Ryan James and to ensure necessary and proper office expenses can be paid without delay.

Passed:		, 2025		
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Attest:				
	Clerk			