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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$1,000,000 to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x231606, “Housing Stability - GF”; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x162x7400 to provide one-time resources for the Homesafe Tax Relief Program that will aid and assist in the payment of delinquent property taxes for low-to-moderate income single family homeowners within the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, Council passed Ordinance No. 191-2022 to approve and adopt a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which included capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x231606, “Housing Stability - GF,” to provide resources for housing stability; and

WHEREAS, Council Motion No. 202400924, adopted April 3, 2024, moved to allocate a portion of the existing housing stability funds to the Department of Community and Economic Development for one-time resources for a payment assistance program for eligible Cincinnati homeowners for delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer and return to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” \$1,000,000 from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x231606, “Housing Stability - GF,” and to transfer and appropriate \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x162x7400 to provide one-time resources for the Homesafe Tax Relief Program (“Program”) that will aid and assist in the payment of delinquent property taxes for low-to-moderate income single family homeowners within the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Program proposes that recipients of the relief be at or below eighty percent of the area median income and be owners of the property, that the property must be the owner’s primary residence, and that the sole purpose of the funds is for payment of delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and the strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council authorizes the transfer and return to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” of \$1,000,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x231606, “Housing Stability - GF.”

Section 2. That Council authorizes the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” to the Department of Community and Economic Development FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x162x7400 to provide one-time resources for the Homesafe Tax Relief Program that will aid and assist in the payment of delinquent property taxes for low-to-moderate income single family homeowners within the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

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 immediate need to deploy funding to provide relief for households with delinquent property taxes that are at risk of facing further hardship or potentially losing their homes.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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