

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600171

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): Moral Obligation Payment to Broadcast Music, Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the payment of \$1,325.58 as a moral obligation to Broadcast Music, Inc. for music licensing services.

The City purchases an annual license from Broadcast Music, Inc. to publicly play and provide clearance to over 22.4 million songs in their catalog for all City of Cincinnati departments.

A payment in the amount of \$1,325.58 for music licensing services provided to the City of Cincinnati was not properly encumbered on time. To prevent this from happening again, CRC will implement a process to ensure all funds are fully encumbered at the time the agreement is executed, thereby avoiding future discrepancies.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Broadcast Music, Inc for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment