

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Western Water Company (“Western Water”) for wholesale water service for a period of twenty years.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati (the “City”) owns and operates the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”), a municipal water utility empowered pursuant to Ohio Constitution Article XVIII, Section 6 and Cincinnati City Charter Article IV, Section 9 to sell and deliver surplus water outside of the Cincinnati city limits as may be authorized by Cincinnati City Council; and

WHEREAS, Western Water owns and operates a rural water system that supplies and distributes potable water to its retail customers in portions of Brown, Clinton, Clermont, and Warren Counties; and

WHEREAS, the City currently provides wholesale surplus water to Western Water pursuant to a certain Water Service Agreement dated December 12, 1996 (the “1996 Agreement”) that is set to expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City and Western Water desire to terminate the 1996 Agreement and enter into a new agreement for a twenty-year term with an updated billing rate, in a form substantially similar to Attachment A to this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the continued sale of surplus water by GCWW to Western Water will benefit existing Cincinnati customers by spreading and reducing the unit base cost to produce water across a larger customer base; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Water Service Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Western Water Company (“Western Water”) for wholesale water service for a period of twenty years, in a form substantially similar to Attachment A to this ordinance herein.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of this ordinance and the Water Service Agreement with Western Water.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk