

June 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2027 Budget Update: General Fund Operating Budget

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from the General Fund 050 in the amount of \$593,289,560 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, representing of the Recommended FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,522,340 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City’s FY 2027 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$2,340,180 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program (“ERIP”) in the amount of \$1,182,160; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$22,868,310 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2027 General Fund Operating Budget Update portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,007,960 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$160,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA) Fund 748 to provide resources for Contribution to Total Benefit Arrangement payments; **AMENDING** the sections of Chapter 307, “Classified Compensation Schedules,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees to constitute the new classification and salary range schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 21, 2026; **REVISING** the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index adjustment of two and four tenths percent applied to fees charged for services related to property

permitting and maintenance; and **AUTHORIZING** the Department of City Planning and Engagement (“DCPE”) to adjust fees charged for certain services for planning-related functions and in administering the Cincinnati Zoning Code to allow the DCPE to recover a higher portion of its true cost of the services provided.

The reason for the emergency is to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2027, which begins on July 1, 2026, for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments