

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority in the form of grant-like principal forgiveness and zero-interest loan funding to public water systems for private lead service line replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, the WSRLA funding is being offered to public water systems at a proportion of 53% principal forgiveness to 47% zero-interest loan funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program that aims to replace all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water; and

WHEREAS, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$5,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of private lead services lines in the form of up to \$2,650,000 in principal forgiveness and \$2,350,000 in zero-interest loan funding; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for the private lead service line replacements associated with the Bevis, Bonaparte, Clarion; Cappel, Carnation; Clearview, Hermosa; Dayton, Horace, Naehar, Whiteman, Baymiller, York; Dunore, Crooked Stone, Old Ludlow; Kirbert, Oakland, Olive, Enright, Wieman, Terry, Voss, Van Vey McPherson; Lisbon, Girard, Fairhurst; Symmes Fowler; and Ferguson, Kellywood, N. Overlook, Relleum, Rulison, Shirley, West High water main projects as part of GCWW’s water main replacement program, as well as the Beech, Eighth, St. Lawrence, and Jonathan, Ruth, Woodburn, private lead service line branch-only replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects is in accordance with the “Sustain” initiative goal to “Become a Healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “Create a Healthy Environment and Reduce Energy Consumption” as described on page 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000, comprised of up to \$2,650,000 in principal forgiveness and \$2,350,000 in zero-interest loan funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of replacing private lead service lines within the utility's service area.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the loan funds into Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund revenue account no. 312x8569.

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk