

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to replace the City’s aging original recycling cart fleet.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$5,000,000 is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to support improvements to local post-consumer materials management, including municipal recycling programs, and assisting local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems; and

WHEREAS, the City’s recycling cart fleet includes approximately 80,000 aging, original recycling carts across all City neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the original recycling cart fleet was obtained and deployed in 2010, with a ten-year warranty period, and these original recycling carts within the fleet are out of the warranty period and failing at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, replacing these aging, original recycling carts will help raise recycling participation, increase waste diversion from the landfill, reduce litter and illegal dumping, and decrease the litter impact to the City’s sewer system; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds from the City and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, to meet the grant application deadline of December 20, 2024, the City may apply for the grant prior to the passage of this ordinance, but no funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, replacing the City’s aging, original recycling cart fleet is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 181-185 and 209 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 is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to replace the City’s aging, original recycling cart fleet.

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

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

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk