

AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to increase the fund advance limit of Fund 214, Water Works Stores – Chemicals ("Fund 214"), from \$1,700,000 to \$4,200,000; and further AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 101, Water Works, to Fund 214 for the purpose of providing Greater Cincinnati Water Works with sufficient funds to purchase water treatment chemicals and maintain additional chemical reserves.

WHEREAS, Fund 214, Water Works Stores – Chemicals ("Fund 214"), provides for the purchase and storage by Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") of the water treatment chemicals necessary to maintain regulatory compliance and the high quality of the City's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the water utility industry is experiencing industry-wide chemical shortages, supply chain delays, and a significant increase in chemical prices, all of which are causing overall costs to increase by a projected 47 percent; and

WHEREAS, the fund advance limit of Fund 214 has not been increased since 2009, and an increase to the fund advance limit, along with an appropriation of additional funds, is needed for the City to purchase chemicals at increased prices and to maintain additional chemical reserves to ensure that a sufficient supply is available to meet GCWW's water treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[m]anage our financial resources" and strategy to "[s]pend public funds more strategically," as described on pages 199-205 of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the fund advance limit of Fund 214, Water Works Stores - Chemicals

("Fund 214"), is hereby increased from \$1,700,000 to \$4,200,000.

Section 2. That the sum of \$2,500,000 is hereby transferred from the unappropriated

surplus of Fund 101, Water Works, to Fund 214 for the purpose of providing Greater Cincinnati

Water Works with sufficient funds to purchase water treatment chemicals and maintain additional

chemical reserves.

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

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

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____ Clerk