AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of up to \$50,000 to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x301x7200 for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in identifying, inventorying, and mapping lead service lines; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Fund No. 101 "Water Works," revenue account no. 101x8527.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") is subject to the federal revised Lead and Copper Rule, which seeks to eliminate lead in drinking water and requires, among other things, that public water systems identify, inventory, and document the material type of all water service lines within their service area by October 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA"), as part of the H2Ohio Fund, is offering grant funding to public water systems for identification, inventory, and mapping of lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, GCWW applied for the OEPA grant funding in order to meet the September 9, 2022 application deadline and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the cost of conducting exploratory excavation and two-point verification of service line material in areas and for properties with unknown or unidentified service line material in order to update GCWW's lead service line maps; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match required, and acceptance of the grant resources will not require the addition of any FTEs; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of grant funding to assist with mapping the location of unknown lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Service Area and to ultimately help eliminate private lead service lines as a potential source of lead in water 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 described on pages 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 is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate grant

funds in the amount of up to \$50,000 to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account

no. 101x301x7200 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in the identification, inventory, and mapping of lead service lines within the utility's service area.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fund No. 101 "Water Works," revenue account no. 101x8527.

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: ______, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk