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**To:** Budget and Finance Committee  
**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager *CAB & RBM*  
**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance- Lead Service Line Replacement Program Property Tax Special Assessments

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Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows.

LEVYING assessments for the unpaid costs of private lead service line replacements undertaken at various locations by the City of Cincinnati's Greater Cincinnati Water Works through its Lead Service Line Replacement Program in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 401-127 through 401-135 and as set forth in the attached Exhibit 1.

In June 2017, the City authorized the Greater Cincinnati Water Works' (GCWW) Lead Service Line Replacement Program, setting a goal of replacing all public and private lead service lines in the GCWW system in 15 years. Since that time, GCWW has replaced 3175 public and private lead service lines.

Since the portion of the lead service line on the private property is the owner's responsibility, affordability of the replacement work is critical. Property owners participating in GCWW's program, receive 40% off (up to \$1500) of the GCWW contractor cost and residents of the City can spread repayment of the remaining amount over 10 years as a semiannual property tax assessment.

This ordinance is to levy the assessments for the unpaid private lead service line replacement costs for owners who have entered into an agreement with the City for the GCWW lead service line replacement work to be certified to the Hamilton County Auditor.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

Cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director/Greater Cincinnati Water Works *Cole*