

# Ordinance No. 899-2023

By Council Member Griffin  
(by departmental request)

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance and sale of water revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 for the purpose of paying costs of improvements to the Waterworks System; authorizing supplemental indentures, agreements, documents and actions related to the water revenue obligations; and authorizing and approving related matters.

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WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Ohio, is authorized under Article XVIII of the Constitution of the state of Ohio and the Charter of the City, among other things: (a) to own and operate the public utility referred to as the Waterworks System; (b) to make from time to time, improvements to the Waterworks System; and (c) to borrow money for the purpose of paying costs of those improvements and refunding outstanding obligations issued for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority the City has issued Bonds, from time to time, under the terms of the Amended and Restated Trust Indenture, effective as of October 5, 2001, as supplemented and amended from time to time, between the City and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (formerly known as U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee (the "Original Indenture"), and the Bonds are secured thereunder by a pledge of and lien on the Net Revenues of the Waterworks System and the Pledged Funds, each as defined in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined to authorize the issuance by the City of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 ("Series 2023 Bonds") under this Bond Ordinance (the "Bond Ordinance") and under the Indenture, as supplemented by the Thirty-Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture between the City and the Trustee (as so supplemented and as it may be further supplemented and amended in accordance with its terms, the "Indenture") approved by this Bond Ordinance in order to finance the costs of improvements to the Waterworks System and for the other purposes stated in Section 2 hereof; and

WHEREAS, this Bond Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety in that this Bond Ordinance is required to be immediately effective to permit the issuance and sale of the Series 2023 Bonds to finance the costs of improvements to the Waterworks System and thereby provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

### **Section 1. Definitions.**

Capitalized words and terms defined in the Indenture are used in this Bond Ordinance with the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture unless otherwise noted. In addition, the following words and terms have the following meanings, unless the context or use indicates a different meaning or intention.

"Bonds" or "Water Revenue Bonds" means all Bonds or Subordinate Bonds issued and outstanding under the Indenture.

"Bond Purchase Agreement" means, as to each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, the purchase agreement between the City and the Original Purchasers authorized by Section 5 with respect to that Series.

"Certificate of Award" means, as to each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, the certificate determining the final terms of the Series 2023 Bonds of that Series, consistent with the requirements of this Bond Ordinance, including, without limitation, Section 5.

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“Continuing Disclosure Agreement” means, as to each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, any continuing disclosure agreement authorized by Section 13.

“Credit Support Instrument” means an insurance policy, surety, letter of credit, standby bond purchase agreement or other credit enhancement, support or liquidity facility used to enhance or provide for the security or liquidity of Series 2023 Bonds, or any Hedge Agreements.

“Hedge Agreement” means any agreement defined as such in Section 10.

“Indenture” means, as applicable, (i) the Senior Indenture or (ii) the Subordinate Indenture.

“Municipal Advisor” means any municipal advisory firm or firms retained by the Director of Finance of the City, from time to time, pursuant to Section 16. Any references to “Financial Advisor” in any transaction documents related to the issuance of the Bonds (including any Bonds issued prior to the Series 2023 Bonds authorized in this Bond Ordinance) shall have the same meaning as “Municipal Advisor” as used in this Bond Ordinance.

“Original Indenture” means the Amended and Restated Trust Indenture, effective October 5, 2001, between the City and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor trustee, as such Original Indenture has been amended and supplemented and which was delivered under authority of Ordinance No. 2011-95 passed by the Council of the City on April 1, 1996 and with the consent of the owners of 66-2/3% of the applicable Outstanding Revenue Bonds (as defined in the Indenture) under the Indenture of Mortgage dated as of November 1, 1977.

“Original Purchasers” means, with respect to each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, the financial institutions identified in the applicable Certificate of Award.

“Senior Indenture” means the Original Indenture as previously supplemented and amended and as it may be further supplemented and amended by Supplemental Indentures consistently with the Original Indenture as previously amended and supplemented.

“Subordinate Indenture” means the Subordinate Bonds Trust Indenture, dated as of October 1, 2012, between the City and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, delivered under authority of Ordinance No. 919-12 passed by the Council of the City on August 8, 2012 as it may be supplemented and amended by Supplemental Indentures consistently with its terms.

“Supplemental Indenture” means, as to each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, the Supplemental Indenture or Supplemental Subordinate Indenture, as applicable, between the City and the Trustee securing that Series of Series 2023 Bonds as authorized under Section 7.

“Taxable Obligations” means any Series 2023 Bonds the interest on which is intended to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

“Tax-Exempt Obligations” means any Series 2023 Bonds the interest on which is intended to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

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Any reference herein to a fund or funds or to any debt service reserve requirements created or established pursuant to the Senior Indenture shall include, as applicable, any counterpart fund, funds or debt service reserve requirements created or established pursuant to the Subordinate Indenture.

## **Section 2. Authorization of the 2023 Bonds.**

This Council finds and determines it is necessary and proper and in the best interest of the City to issue the Series 2023 Bonds in one or more Series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Ninety Million Dollars (\$90,000,000) for the purpose of (i) paying costs of improvements to the Waterworks System, including funding interest on the Series 2023 Bonds for a temporary period, (ii) to fund any deposit to the Debt Service Reserve Fund required under the Indenture or any special reserve fund for that series separate from the Debt Service Reserve Fund, (iii) to fund any necessary deposit to any other funds under the Indenture, (iv) to pay costs of any Credit Support Instruments, (v) to pay any amounts owed under Hedge Agreements, and (vi) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. The proceeds from the sale of each series of Bonds shall be allocated, deposited and applied as provided in Section 6.

This Council finds and determines that the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds for the purposes provided in this Series 2023 Bond Ordinance serves a proper, public, municipal purpose by preserving and enhancing the efficiency and economy with which the Waterworks System provides services to its users.

## **Section 3. Multiple Series.**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Series 2023 Bonds may be issued in one or more separate series or subseries, each bearing a distinctive designation, provided that Series 2023 Bonds of all series in the aggregate, must satisfy the requirements and comply with the restrictions of this Bond Ordinance and the Indenture. Separate series and subseries of Series 2023 Bonds may be issued at the same or different times and so may have different dates of issuance. The Series 2023 Bonds of each series and subseries shall be designated as provided in the applicable Certificate of Award. A separate Certificate of Award may be delivered for each series or subseries, and each reference in this Series 2023 Bond Ordinance to the Certificate of Award shall refer to each and all such Certificates of Award. A separate Supplemental Trust Indenture may be entered into for each series or subseries, and each reference in this Bond Ordinance to the Thirty-Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture shall refer to each and all such Supplemental Trust Indentures, but any Supplemental Trust Indenture subsequent to the Thirty-Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture shall bear a different designation. A separate Bond Purchase Agreement and Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be entered into for each series or subseries, and each reference in this Bond Ordinance to the Bond Purchase Agreement or to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall refer to each and all such Bond Purchase Agreements or Continuing Disclosure Agreements, respectively. A separate Official Statement may be prepared for each series or subseries, and each reference in this Bond Ordinance to the Official Statement shall refer to each and all such Official Statements. The Series 2023 Bonds do not need to be issued in calendar year 2023 but may be issued in subsequent years during the effectiveness of this Bond Ordinance, and their designation shall be set forth in the applicable Certificate of Award.

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## **Section 4. Variable Rate Series 2023 Bonds.**

In the event that a Series of Series 2023 Bonds bear interest at variable interest rates, then the Director of Finance is authorized to determine the method and procedure by which the variable rate of interest to be borne by the Series 2023 Bonds of that Series shall be determined, whether by reference to a market index, by a remarketing agent or otherwise; provided that no variable rate Series 2023 Bonds may bear interest at a rate in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) per year (including any Series 2023 Bonds held by a provider of a Credit Support Instrument). The Director of Finance may determine that the terms of a variable rate Series of Series 2023 Bonds may or may not permit the holders to tender their variable rate Series 2023 Bonds for purchase by the City. The Director of Finance shall also designate in the Certificate of Award for those variable rate Series 2023 Bonds (and may designate others, from time to time, in substitution therefor) the tender agent or agents and the remarketing agent or agents, which designations shall be based on the determination of the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the parties so designated possess the requisite resources and experience to provide the services required of them and that the terms on which the designated parties have agreed to provide such services are fair and commercially reasonable. The Director of Finance is authorized to enter into agreements in connection with the delivery of each Series of variable rate Series 2023 Bonds, and from time to time thereafter so long as the variable rate Series 2023 Bonds of that Series are outstanding, with providers of Credit Support Instruments, tender agents (which may be the Trustee), remarketing agents (which may be any of the Original Purchasers), purchasers of tendered Series 2023 Bonds, and others as may be determined by the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, to be necessary or appropriate to provide for (i) the method of determining the variable interest rates, (ii) the rights and procedures for tender, (iii) liquidity or credit support, (iv) repayment by the City of any amounts drawn under the Credit Support Instrument, (v) the direct purchase of tendered Series 2023 Bonds, and (vi) other arrangements in the best interests of the City. The Director of Finance is further authorized to terminate any such agreements if the Director of Finance determines, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the City's best interests will be served by such termination. The Director of Finance is further authorized to enter into agreements, from time to time so long as the variable rate Series 2023 Bonds are outstanding, supplementing or amending the applicable Supplemental Indenture for a series of Series 2023 Bonds as provided in Section 9. The Director of Finance is authorized to pay any fees associated with agreements entered into or terminated pursuant to this Section from proceeds of Series 2023 Bonds, to the extent permitted by the Indenture, and from the Net Revenues.

## **Section 5. Award and Sale of the Series 2023 Bonds.**

The Director of Finance shall sign and deliver a Certificate of Award for the Series 2023 Bonds. In the event the Series 2023 Bonds are issued in more than one series sold at different times, a separate Certificate of Award shall be signed and delivered for each separately delivered series. The sale of the Series 2023 Bonds shall be awarded to the Original Purchaser selected by the Director of Finance and identified in the Certificate of Award. In the case of Series 2023 Bonds to be underwritten in a public offering, the Director of Finance shall select the Original Purchaser based on his evaluation, in consultation with a Municipal Advisor, of the qualifications and relevant experience of firms that have proposed to underwrite the Series 2023 Bonds. Alternatively, the Director of Finance may determine, in consultation with a Municipal

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Advisor, that more advantageous terms for the Series 2023 Bonds may be obtained by the private placement of the Series 2023 Bonds with an investor or investors (including financial institutions) purchasing for their own account and not for resale, in which case the Director of Finance may designate such investor or investors as the Original Purchaser. In addition, each Certificate of Award shall determine the following, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, consistent with this Bond Ordinance and the Indenture:

(a) the aggregate principal amount; provided that amount shall not exceed \$90,000,000 in the aggregate of all Series of Series 2023 Bonds, assuming that the Series 2023 Bonds are to be initially offered to the public at a price at least equal to their aggregate principal amount, but, if any of the Series 2023 Bonds are to be initially offered to the public at an original issue discount, the maximum aggregate principal amount of Series 2023 Bonds shall be increased over that amount by an amount equal to the aggregate original issue discount net of the aggregate original issue premium;

(b) the date or dates of the Series 2023 Bonds;

(c) the purchase price to be paid to the City by the Original Purchasers, which amount shall be not less than: (i) 97% of the amount determined by adding to the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2023 Bonds any aggregate original issue premium and subtracting from the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2023 Bonds any aggregate original issue discount, plus (ii) any accrued interest on the Series 2023 Bonds from their date to the date of their delivery to the Original Purchasers;

(d) whether any Series 2023 Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, the earliest optional redemption date for those Series 2023 Bonds subject to prior redemption, and the applicable redemption price, which may be determined as a percentage of the principal amount redeemed or by a formula intended to make the bondholder whole for the loss of the investment resulting from the early redemption or by other methodology;

(e) the dates on which and amounts in which principal of the Series 2023 Bonds is to be paid, which shall be not later than thirty (30) years from their respective dates of issuance, with an identification of whether the payment is due by stated maturity or by mandatory sinking fund redemption of Series 2023 Bonds of a particular maturity;

(f) the interest rates to be borne by Series 2023 Bonds bearing interest at a fixed rate, the weighted average of which shall not exceed eight percent (8%) as to Series 2023 Bonds of any Series that are Tax-Exempt Obligations or ten percent (10%) as to Series 2023 Bonds of any Series that are Taxable Obligations, or the method by which the interest rate is to be determined for Series 2023 Bonds bearing interest at variable rates, consistent with Section 2. The Series 2023 Bonds of the same Series and same maturity may bear interest at different interest rates;

(g) the amount, if any, and source of any money to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund in order to cause the balance therein to equal the Debt Service Reserve Requirement, if and to the extent required by the applicable Supplemental Indenture, and any determination as to whether there shall be a special reserve fund for the Series 2023 Bonds of any Series, separate from the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and any determination as to whether a Credit Support Instrument shall be provided in lieu of cash in the Debt Service Reserve Fund or such special reserve fund; and

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(h) the title and Series designation for the Series 2023 Bonds; and

(i) the Paying Agent; and

(j) whether any Series 2023 Bonds are to be secured by or payable from any Credit Support Instruments.

It is determined that the terms of the Series 2023 Bonds as so determined within the limitations set forth in this Bond Ordinance and as so specified and set forth in the Certificate of Award will be in the best interest of the City and consistent with all legal requirements.

The Director of Finance may enter into a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Original Purchasers of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds setting forth the conditions for delivery of the Series 2023 Bonds that are consistent with this Bond Ordinance, the Certificate of Award, and the Indenture and that are determined by the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, to be customary for water revenue bonds issued by governmental entities, including, without limitation, representations as to the accuracy and completeness of information contained in the Official Statement of the City described in Section 13.

## **Section 6. Application of Proceeds of Series 2023 Bonds.**

The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2023 Bonds shall be deposited as provided in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, including:

(a) to the payment of any providers of any Credit Support Instruments, the fees and expenses required to be paid by the City to obtain the Credit Support Instrument;

(b) to the Trustee, for deposit to the credit of the Interest Account in the Debt Service Fund, the amount, if any, received by the City upon delivery of the Series 2023 Bonds as accrued interest on any Series 2023 Bonds from their dated date to the date of the delivery of and payment for those Series 2023 Bonds;

(c) to the Trustee, for deposit to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any special reserve fund, any amount identified in the Certificate of Award as required to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund or such special reserve fund from the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds;

(d) to the counterparty under any Hedge Agreement, any payment determined by the Director of Finance to be paid from the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds; and

(e) to the Costs of Issuance Fund, to be created under the applicable Supplemental Indenture, such amounts as are needed to pay costs of issuing the Series 2023 Bonds; and

(f) to the applicable Construction Fund for the Series 2023 Bonds (to be established under the applicable Supplemental Indenture) the balance of the proceeds to be applied to pay costs of improvements to the Waterworks System, including any capitalized interest.

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Provisions may be made in the Supplemental Indentures for the creation of separate accounts within the funds established under the Indenture or Supplemental Indentures.

The proceeds from the sale of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which those Series 2023 Bonds are issued as provided in this Ordinance.

## **Section 7. Terms and Provisions Applicable to the Series 2023 Bonds.**

(a) Form; Exchange and Transfer. All Series 2023 Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and may be delivered in book-entry form. If delivered in book-entry form, Series 2023 Bonds shall be registered in the name of the Depository (as defined in the Indenture) or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository, and shall not be transferable or exchangeable (except for transfer to another Depository or its nominee) without further action by the City pursuant to the provisions of the Supplemental Indenture.

(b) Dates; Denominations. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall be dated as of the date or dates provided in the applicable Certificate of Award. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall be issued in the denominations permitted in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

(c) Interest and Place of Payment. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall bear interest at their respective interest rates specified in the Certificate of Award (or, in the case of variable rate Series 2023 Bonds, determined pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture). The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall bear interest from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for or, if no interest has been paid or duly provided for, from their date. The principal and any redemption premium and the interest payable on each 2023 Bond shall be payable at the times, to the persons and in the manner set forth in, or referenced by, the Supplemental Indenture, including, without limitation, provisions thereof permitting special arrangements for payments to the Depository.

(d) Maturities. The Series 2023 Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the respective principal amounts provided in the Certificate of Award, consistent with this Bond Ordinance and the Indenture.

(e) Optional and Mandatory Redemption. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series may be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the City, if and to the extent provided in the Certificate of Award. Any Series 2023 Bonds determined to be subject to optional redemption and maturing by their stated terms after the earliest optional redemption date shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City on or after the earliest optional redemption date in whole or in part on any date at the redemption prices provided in the Certificate of Award and in accordance with the applicable Supplemental Indenture and the Indenture. The Series 2023 Bonds designated in the Certificate of Award as term bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be redeemed prior to maturity on each mandatory redemption date designated in the Certificate of Award in the aggregate amount of the sinking fund installment to be paid on such mandatory redemption date, all as provided in the Certificate of Award and in accordance with the Supplemental Indenture.

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(f) Purchase in Lieu of Redemption. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series may be subject to purchase by the City in lieu of optional redemption if and to the extent provided in the Certificate of Award and the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

(g) Execution. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall be signed by the persons and in the manner set forth in the Indenture.

(h) Numbering. The Series 2023 Bonds of each Series shall be numbered as determined by the Director of Finance.

## **Section 8. Authorization of Supplemental Indentures.**

In order to secure the payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the Series 2023 Bonds, the Mayor, Director of Finance and Director of Public Utilities, or any two of them, are authorized to sign and deliver to the Trustee, in trust for the Original Purchasers and subsequent holders of each Series of the Series 2023 Bonds, a Supplemental Indenture, approved as to form by the Director of Law, not inconsistent with this Bond Ordinance, the Certificate of Award and the Indenture and not substantially adverse to the City as may be approved by the officers signing the same on behalf of the City. The determination by those officers that a Supplemental Indenture is not substantially adverse to the City shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing and delivery of that Supplemental Indenture by those officers. Subject to the Original Indenture as theretofore amended, any Supplemental Indenture may contain amendments to the Original Indenture, as theretofore amended, or amend and restate the Original Indenture, to permit the City to obtain a Credit Support Instrument or to permit increased flexibility for the use of financial or credit structures and techniques determined by the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, to be in the best interests of the City.

## **Section 9. Rebate Fund.**

There is established and ordered to be maintained a separate account for each Series of Series 2023 Bonds that are Tax-Exempt Obligations within the Rebate Fund held in the custody of the Trustee under the Indenture. The Rebate Fund is not pledged to the payment of debt service and is free and clear of any pledge or lien given under the Indenture as security for the Series 2023 Bonds. Calculations of excess earnings that may be due and payable to the federal government pursuant to the Code and deposits to those accounts of the Rebate Fund shall be made as provided in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

## **Section 10. Authorization of Hedging Arrangements.**

This Council finds that by engaging in interest rate hedging arrangements with respect to Bonds the City may reduce its cost of borrowing by optimizing the relative amounts of its fixed and variable rate obligations or minimizing the risk of variations in its debt service costs or obtaining savings by confirming rates of interest on Bonds in advance of their issuance. To permit the City to have the flexibility to undertake with respect to Bonds interest rate swap, swaption, rate cap, rate collar and other hedging transactions, from time to time, and to establish the procedures for approving those transactions, this Council authorizes the signing and delivery of one or more agreements, including



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amendments or supplements to existing agreements (each, a “Hedge Agreement”), and any related agreements necessary for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by each Hedge Agreement. The authorizations in this Section are supplemental to and not in derogation of any authority provided by any other ordinance of this Council concerning hedging arrangements.

Upon the determination of the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that it is to the financial advantage of the City and in the City’s best interests that a hedging arrangement be undertaken by the City with respect to any Bonds issued or to be issued under the Indenture, the Director of Finance may authorize one or more interest rate hedge transactions in accordance with the applicable Hedge Agreement; provided that (a) the counterparty shall be rated at the time of signing the Hedge Agreement not lower than “A” by at least one rating agency or its obligations under the Hedge Agreement shall be guaranteed or insured by an entity rated at the time of signing the Hedge Agreement not lower than “A” by at least one rating agency, with such rating in either case determined without regard to a gradation by numerical or plus or minus or other modifier and (b) the term of each hedge transaction shall not exceed the final maturity of the Bonds to which the hedge relates.

The Director of Finance shall negotiate the terms of each Hedge Agreement with a counterparty satisfying the credit criteria in this Bond Ordinance. The City shall receive a written opinion of a Municipal Advisor that the payments to be made by the counterparty to the City, or by the City to the counterparty, shall be fair value for the Hedge Agreement, considering, among other things, the credit of the City and the counterparty and the terms and conditions of the Hedge Agreement. The Director of Finance shall determine the terms and conditions of the Hedge Agreement, including without limitation, the rates to be paid by the counterparty to the City and by the City to the counterparty under the Hedge Agreement, the time or times and procedures for the exercise by the counterparty or the City, as the case may be, of any option under the Hedge Agreement, and whether the obligations of the City under the Hedge Agreement shall be secured by a Credit Support Instrument. The approval of each interest rate hedge transaction by the Director of Finance shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing and delivery of the applicable Hedge Agreement by the Director of Finance.

The Director of Finance is authorized to terminate any Hedge Agreements in whole or in part or any Credit Support Instrument securing a Hedge Agreement if the Director of Finance determines, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the City’s best interests will be served by such termination. The Director of Finance is further authorized to enter into amendments, novations, assignments or modifications of a Hedge Agreement or any Credit Support Instrument securing a Hedge Agreement determined by the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the City’s best interests will be served by such amendment or modification.

The City’s obligations under any Hedge Agreement shall be payable from the Net Revenues of the Utility and may be payable also from other funds permitted by law to be used for the purpose, as identified by the Director of Finance in the Hedge Agreement. Those payments may be secured by a pledge of Net Revenues that may be subordinate to the pledge of Net Revenues for the Bonds, to the extent permitted by the Indenture, all as determined by the Director of Finance and set forth in the Hedge Agreement. The obligation of the City to make payments under any Hedge Agreement does not and shall not represent or constitute a general obligation, debt, bonded indebtedness or a pledge of the faith and credit of the City or the State of Ohio. Nothing gives any party to any Hedge

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Agreement the right to have excises, ad valorem or other taxes levied by the City or the State of Ohio for the payment of any amounts due under any Hedge Agreement.

## **Section 11. Covenants of the City.**

The City, by issuance of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, covenants and agrees with the Holders of that Series of Series 2023 Bonds, that:

(a) The City will use the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds for the purposes specified in Section 2.

(b) The Clerk, or other appropriate officer of the City, will furnish to the Original Purchasers and to the Trustee a true transcript of proceedings, certified by the Clerk or other officer, of all proceedings had with reference to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds, together with information from the City's records as is necessary to determine the regularity and validity of the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds.

(c) The City will, at any and all times, cause to be done all such further acts and things and cause to be signed and delivered all further instruments as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the Series 2023 Bonds and this Bond Ordinance or as may be required by Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio or the Charter of the City or the Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture and will comply with all requirements of law applicable to the Waterworks System and the operation thereof.

(d) The City will observe and perform all its agreements and obligations provided for in the Series 2023 Bonds, this Bond Ordinance, the Indenture and each Supplemental Indenture. All of the obligations under this Bond Ordinance and the Indenture and each Supplemental Indenture are hereby established as duties specifically enjoined by law and resulting from an office, trust or station upon the City within the meaning of Section 2731.01, Ohio Revised Code.

(e) The City will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds that are issued as Tax-Exempt Obligations in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Series 2023 Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Code or (ii) be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103(a) of the Code applies, and (b) the interest thereon will not be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

(f) The City covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Series 2023 Bonds that are issued as Tax-Exempt Obligations to be and to remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property acquired with those proceeds, (iii) make timely rebate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (v) refrain from certain uses of proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

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The Mayor, the Director of Finance or any other officer of the City, as appropriate under the Charter, is authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Series 2023 Bonds as the City is permitted or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation, any of the elections available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting the favorable tax treatment or status of the Series 2023 Bonds that are issued as Tax-Exempt Obligations or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amount or payments, as determined by that officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Series 2023 Bonds that are issued as Tax-Exempt Obligations, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Series 2023 Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the City regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment or status of the Series 2023 Bonds and interest thereon.

If the Director of Finance determines, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, and so specifies in the Certificate of Award that the best interests of the City would be served by issuing a Series of Series 2023 Bonds as Taxable Obligations, then the tax-related covenants in this Section shall not apply to or be required to be made with respect to the Series 2023 Bonds of that Series.

### **Section 12. Ratings; Credit Enhancement.**

If, in the judgment of the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, the filing of an application for a rating on one or more Series 2023 Bonds by one or more nationally recognized rating agencies is in the best interests of the City, the Director of Finance is authorized to prepare and submit those applications and to provide to each such agency such information as may be required for the purpose. The Director of Finance is authorized to contract for one or more Credit Support Instruments for any Series 2023 Bonds or designated portions thereof if the Director determines, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the Credit Support Instruments will result in debt service savings to the City, or will stabilize interest rates on those Bonds or will minimize the risk of increased interest expense on those Bonds. The Director of Finance is further authorized to terminate any such contract if the Director of Finance determines, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, that the City's best interests will be served by such termination. The cost of obtaining each rating and the cost of obtaining or terminating each Credit Support Instrument, except to the extent paid by the Original Purchasers in accordance with the Bond Purchase Agreement, shall be paid from the proceeds of Series 2023 Bonds or funds of the Water Division, which are appropriated for that purpose.

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## **Section 13. Official Statements; Continuing Disclosure.**

The Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Utilities, the Commissioner of Water, or other City officials, as appropriate under the Charter, each is authorized, on behalf of the City and in their official capacities, to (i) prepare or cause to be prepared, and make or authorize modifications, completions or changes of or supplements to, disclosure documents in the form of a preliminary official statement relating to the issuance of Series 2023 Bonds of one or more Series, and (ii) determine, and certify or otherwise represent, when each preliminary official statement as so prepared is a “deemed final” official statement (except for permitted omissions) by the City as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Rule 15c2-12(b)(1). The distribution and use of one or more preliminary official statements are authorized and approved.

Those officers and each of them are also authorized, on behalf of the City and in their official capacities, as appropriate under the Charter, to complete each preliminary official statement with such modifications, changes and supplements as those officers shall approve or authorize for the purpose of preparing and determining, and to certify or otherwise represent, that the official statement as so revised is a final official statement for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b) (3) and (4). Those officers each are further authorized to use and distribute, or authorize the use and distribution of, one or more final official statements and supplements thereto in connection with the original issuance of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds as may, in their judgment, be necessary or appropriate. Those officers each are further authorized to sign and deliver, on behalf of the City and in their official capacities, each final official statement and such certificates regarding the accuracy of each preliminary official statement and each final official statement and any amendments thereto as may, in their judgment, also be necessary or appropriate. The Director of Finance is authorized to contract for services for the production and distribution of preliminary and final official statements, including by printed and electronic means.

For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds, the City agrees, in accordance with, and as an obligated person with respect to the Series 2023 Bonds under, SEC Rule 15c2-12, to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data and notices, in such manner, as may be required for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12. In order to describe and specify certain terms of the City’s continuing disclosure agreement for that purpose, and thereby to implement that agreement, including provisions for enforcement, amendment and termination, the Director of Finance and the Director of Public Utilities are authorized to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, a continuing disclosure agreement or certificate, which shall constitute the continuing disclosure agreement made by the City for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2023 Bonds of that Series in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12. The performance of that agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs the City would be required to incur to perform it.

## **Section 14. Authorization of Other Documents.**

Each of the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Utilities and other City officials, as appropriate under the Charter, is authorized to sign and deliver such instruments, certificates and documents as are necessary or appropriate to consummate

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the transactions authorized by this Bond Ordinance, the Bond Purchase Agreements, the Supplemental Indentures, the Indenture and any Hedge Agreements.

Each of the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Utilities, the Director of Law and other City officials, as appropriate under the Charter, is authorized to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the City to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for the delivery of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds to the Original Purchasers and to take all actions necessary to effect due signing, authentication and delivery of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds under the terms of this Bond Ordinance, the Supplemental Indentures, the Bond Purchase Agreements and the Indenture. The Clerk of Council or other appropriate official of the City shall furnish the Original Purchasers a true transcript of proceedings certified by the Clerk or other official, of all proceedings had with reference to the issuance of each Series of Series 2023 Bonds along with such information for the records as is necessary to determine the regularity and validity of the issuance of those Series 2023 Bonds.

### **Section 15. Lien of Pledge.**

The Net Revenues of the Utility are subject to the lien of the pledge under the Indenture without any physical delivery of the Net Revenues or further act, and the lien of such pledge is valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind against the City (irrespective of whether such parties have notice of such pledge and create a perfected security interest for all purposes of Chapter 1309, Ohio Revised Code) without the necessity for separation of delivery of the Net Revenues or for the filing or recording of the Indenture or any other resolution or instrument by which such pledge is created or any certificate, statement or other document with respect to such pledge. The pledge of the Net Revenues under the Indenture shall be effective and the money therefrom and thereof may be applied to the purposes for which pledged without necessity for any further act of appropriation.

### **Section 16. Municipal Advisors and Consultants.**

The Director of Finance may obtain the services of one or more Municipal Advisors, from time to time, to assist the Director of Finance in making any of the determinations required by this Bond Ordinance to be determined by the Director of Finance or to negotiate any Hedge Agreements. Any such municipal advisor shall be registered with the SEC and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board as a municipal advisor. The Director of Finance may rely on the written advice of any Municipal Advisor so retained. The Director of Finance may obtain the services of one or more feasibility consultants, from time to time, to provide reports in connection with the issuance and sale of any Series 2023 Bonds or the delivery of any Hedge Agreements concerning the utilization and operation of the Utility, debt service coverage, rates and charges or other matters. Any Municipal Advisor or consultant employed under the authority of this Bond Ordinance shall be disinterested in the transaction and be independent of the underwriters or counterparties and any other party interested in the transaction.

### **Section 17. Appointment of Successor Trustee.**

The Director of Finance is authorized to appoint a successor Trustee in the event that the current Trustee, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, shall

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resign or be removed, or be dissolved or otherwise become incapable of acting as Trustee under the Indenture, or in case it shall be taken under the control of any public officer or officers or of a receiver appointed by a court, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.05 of the Original Indenture.

## **Section 18. Authorization and Requirement of Declarations of Official Intent.**

The Director of Finance, in consultation with the Director of Public Utilities, is authorized to prepare and sign declarations of official intent in the form required by United States Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) with respect to original expenditures to which the Reimbursement Regulations apply, to be made from money temporarily advanced for improvements to the Waterworks System and that is reasonably expected to be reimbursed from the proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds or other obligations; to make appropriate reimbursement and timely allocations from the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or other obligations to reimburse such original expenditures; and to take any other actions as may be appropriate, all at the times and in the manner required under the Reimbursement Regulations in order for the reimbursement to be treated as an expenditure of such proceeds for purposes of Sections 103 and 141 to 150 of the Code. No advance from any fund or account or order for payment may be made for original expenditures (other than expenditures excepted from such requirement under the Reimbursement Regulations) that are to be reimbursed subsequently from proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds or other obligations, unless a declaration of official intent with respect thereto is made within the time required by the Reimbursement Regulations.

## **Section 19. Captions, Headings, and Section References.**

The captions and headings in this Bond Ordinance are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Bond Ordinance unless otherwise indicated.

## **Section 20. Severability.**

Each section of this Bond Ordinance and each subdivision or paragraph of any section is hereby declared to be independent and the finding or holding of any section or any subdivision or paragraph of any section to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section, subdivision or paragraph of this Bond Ordinance.

## **Section 21. Interpretation.**

Any provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance shall not apply to the Series 2023 Bonds or matters authorized herein. Nothing in this Bond Ordinance is intended to, and no provision hereof shall be applied in any manner as would, impair the obligation of contract of the City with respect to any outstanding bonds, certificates of indebtedness, other obligations, indentures or other agreements or contracts made or entered into by the City.

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## **Section 22. Validity.**

This Council finds and determines that this Bond Ordinance was passed in compliance with all applicable provisions of the City's Charter and the rules of this Council. This Council further finds and determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Series 2023 Bonds in order to make them legal, valid, and binding special obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Series 2023 Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law, and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, is applicable to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds.

## **Section 23. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements.**

This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Bond Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

## **Section 24. Sunset of Authorization.**

The authority granted by Section 2 of this Bond Ordinance to issue Series 2023 Bonds shall expire three years from the effective date of this Bond Ordinance. If a preliminary official statement with respect to the Series 2023 Bonds is distributed under the authority of this Bond Ordinance at any time within the three-year period following its effective date, then the authority granted by Section 2 of this Bond Ordinance shall not expire as to those Series 2023 Bonds. The Director of Finance shall notify the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk of this Council of the initiation of the issuance of any Series 2023 Bonds under the authority of this Bond Ordinance.

## **Section 25. Emergency.**

This Bond Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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8-16-2023  
FOR: Director Abonamah

