

# Ordinance No. 316-2024

By Council Member Griffin  
(by departmental request)

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds to refund currently outstanding general obligation bonds of the City to obtain debt service savings or restructure the City's outstanding debt; authorizing a tender and/or exchange program with respect to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds and providing for the appointment of professionals and authorizing documents with respect thereto; and authorizing and approving related matters.

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WHEREAS, the City has from time to time issued general obligation bonds in various series that are currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$395,640,000; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined to authorize the City to issue one or more series of Refunding Bonds (as defined in Section 1) for the purpose of obtaining debt service savings or restructuring the City's outstanding debt with respect to any currently outstanding general obligation bonds of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, as fiscal officer of this City, has previously certified to this Council that the estimated life or usefulness of each of the applicable Projects (as defined below) was, at the time the original Bonds for each Project were issued, at least five years, and that the maximum maturity of that portion of the Refunding Bonds to be allocated to each such Project is December 31 of the years determined by the Director of Finance for each Project based on each Project's estimated life or usefulness; and

WHEREAS, this Council passed Ordinance No. 1749-80 on October 8, 1980, and thereafter amended that ordinance by Ordinance No. 1112-83, passed May 6, 1983 and Ordinance No. 944-96, passed June 10, 1996 (Ordinance No. 1749-80, as so amended and as the same may further be amended from time to time in accordance with its provisions, is referred to as the "General Bond Ordinance"), providing the general terms and provisions for the issuance of unvoted general obligations of the City, with the specific terms of each series of Bonds to be contained in ordinances authorizing the issuance of Bonds in accordance with the provisions thereof (the "Series Bond Ordinances"); and

WHEREAS, the authorization for issuance of Refunding Bonds is necessary to enable the City to take advantage of favorable market conditions on a timely basis to obtain debt service savings or to restructure its outstanding debt service obligations and thereby to protect and preserve the credit of the City, and as a result, this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

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

**Section 1. Purpose.** One or more series of general obligation refunding bonds of the City ("Refunding Bonds") are authorized to be issued for the purpose of refunding one or more series of the City's outstanding general obligation bonds, or designated maturities thereof, issued to provide funds to pay costs of various projects of the City (the "Projects") or to pay costs of final judgments, including settlement claims approved by a court (the "Final Judgments"), and identified in the Certificate of Award authorized in Section 4 ("Refunded Bonds"), including the payment of any expenses relating to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, including any financing costs within the meaning of Revised Code Section 133.01(K), provided that either the aggregate net present value debt service savings resulting from the refunding of the Refunded Bonds is not less than 3% or the Refunding Bonds are issued to restructure outstanding debt of the City, as determined by the Director of Finance and

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specified in the Certificate of Award, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor (as defined in Section 13) to be in the best interest of the City.

The aggregate principal amount of each respective series of Refunding Bonds to be issued under this Ordinance shall be in an amount determined by the Director of Finance and set forth in the Certificate of Award as the amount required to be issued, taking into account any original issue discount and/or original issue premium on the sale of the Refunding Bonds, in order to refund the Refunded Bonds and pay any expenses relating to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds may be issued in one or more separate series, each bearing a distinctive designation, provided that the Refunding Bonds of each series satisfy the requirements of this Ordinance and either the aggregate net present value debt service savings to the City resulting from each series of Refunding Bonds is not less than 3% or the Refunding Bonds are issued to restructure outstanding debt of the City, as determined to be necessary by the Director of Finance and specified in the Certificate of Award, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor to be in the best interests of the City. Separate series of Refunding Bonds may be issued at the same or different times. The Refunding Bonds of each series shall be designated as provided in the applicable Certificate of Award. A separate Certificate of Award may be delivered for each series.

To the extent it is determined to be financially beneficial to the City by the Director of Finance, based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, the City is authorized to undertake a tender and/or exchange program established in connection with the refunding of any of the outstanding general obligation bonds pursuant to this Section 1 (the “Tender and/or Exchange Program”) under which the City would offer to purchase all or portions of outstanding general obligation bonds for cash funded from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and any other available moneys and/or in exchange for Refunding Bonds or, with or without cash from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and any other available moneys, by an exchange of Refunding Bonds for outstanding general obligation bonds. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to take all actions with respect to the Tender and/or Exchange Program, including (1) the determination of the terms of, and which outstanding general obligation bonds would be subject to, the Tender and/or Exchange Program, (2) the appointment of necessary professionals, including without limitation one or more dealer managers and/or tender and exchange agents, which may be appointed from among the Original Purchaser, and an information agent, and (3) after consultation with the bond counsel, to approve the form of and distribution of an offer to tender and exchange and the forms of and to execute and deliver all necessary documents in connection with the Tender and/or Exchange Program, the execution and delivery of such documents to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such documents.

**Section 2. Authority and Terms.** The Refunding Bonds shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio, Revised Code Chapter 133 and other applicable provisions of the Revised Code, the Charter of the City, the General Bond Ordinance and this Ordinance in the principal amount and for the purpose stated in Section 1. The Refunding Bonds of each series shall be issued in one lot as fully registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof but in no case as to a particular maturity date exceeding the principal amount maturing on that date. The Refunding Bonds shall bear the designation and be numbered as determined by the Director of Finance. The Refunding Bonds shall be issuable as either bonds the interest on which is (i) excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes (the “Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds”), or (ii) included as gross income for federal income tax purposes (the “Taxable Refunding Bonds”). The Director of Finance shall

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determine the status of any series of Refunding Bonds as Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds or as Taxable Refunding Bonds (the “Tax Status”), and shall designate the applicable series of Refunding Bonds as such in the Certificate of Award.

The Refunding Bonds shall be dated the date and shall bear interest at the rate or rates per year specified in the Certificate of Award, provided the weighted average of such rates per series of Refunding Bonds (taking into account the principal amount and maturity of each Refunding Bond to which a rate applies) shall not exceed 8% per year. Interest on the Refunding Bonds shall be payable when due, or until the principal amount is paid, semiannually as specified in the Certificate of Award as the dates on which interest on the Refunding Bonds shall be payable (the “Interest Payment Dates”), beginning on the date specified in the Certificate of Award as the first Interest Payment Date.

The Refunding Bonds shall mature in the years and principal amounts as shall be permitted by law and determined by the Director of Finance and specified in the Certificate of Award, based on (i) the written advice of a Municipal Advisor to be in the best interests of the City given market conditions at the time the Refunding Bonds are sold and (ii) the objectives of the plan of refunding to either obtain aggregate net present value debt service savings of not less than 3% or restructure outstanding debt of the City.

The Director of Finance also shall determine and certify, on or prior to the date of delivery of the Refunding Bonds to the Original Purchaser, that portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds that is allocable to each Project or to Final Judgments, and the principal amount of Refunding Bonds allocated to each Project or to Final Judgments that shall be payable at stated maturity or pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (as defined below) on the applicable principal payment dates; provided, that (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds allocable to a Project or to Final Judgments shall be determined by the Director of Finance on a pro rata basis by reference to the respective amount of funds that is required for the refunding of the Refunded Bonds that are allocable to that Project or to Final Judgments, taking into account any funds other than the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds that are available and appropriated for that purpose, and (ii) no portion of the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds allocated to a Project or to Final Judgments shall be payable later than the maximum maturity for that portion of the Refunding Bonds as certified by the Director of Finance.

The Refunding Bonds stated to mature in any year may be issued as term bonds (the “Term Refunding Bonds”), payable pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements as defined and further described below. The Director of Finance shall determine in the Certificate of Award whether any of the Refunding Bonds shall be issued as Term Refunding Bonds, any dates (the “Mandatory Redemption Dates”) on which the principal amount of the Term Refunding Bonds shall be payable pursuant to mandatory sinking fund installments rather than at stated maturity and the amount of principal to be paid on each Mandatory Redemption Date (the “Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements”).

The Refunding Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to stated maturity as follows:

**(a) Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.** If any of the Refunding Bonds are issued as Term Refunding Bonds, the Term Refunding Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption and be redeemed pursuant to Mandatory Sinking

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Fund Redemption Requirements, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, on the Mandatory Redemption Dates.

The aggregate of the moneys to be deposited with the Escrow Agent, currently The Huntington National Bank, for payment of principal of and interest on any Term Refunding Bonds shall include amounts sufficient to redeem on the Mandatory Redemption Dates the principal amount of Term Refunding Bonds payable on those dates pursuant to the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (less the amount of any credit as provided below).

The City shall have the option to deliver to the Registrar (as defined in Section 3 hereof) for cancellation Term Refunding Bonds in any aggregate principal amount and to receive a credit against the then-current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) of the City for any Term Refunding Bonds. That option shall be exercised by the City on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day preceding the applicable Mandatory Redemption Date, by furnishing the Escrow Agent a certificate, signed by the Registrar, setting forth the extent of the credit to be applied with respect to the then-current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement. If the certificate is not timely furnished to the Escrow Agent, the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) shall not be reduced. A credit against the then-current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation) also shall be received by the City for any Term Refunding Bonds which prior thereto have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements) or purchased for cancellation and canceled by the Registrar, to the extent not applied theretofore as a credit against any mandatory redemption obligation.

Each Term Refunding Bond so delivered, or previously redeemed, or purchased and canceled, shall be credited by the Escrow Agent at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the then-current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation). Any excess of that amount over the then-current Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirement shall be credited against subsequent Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements (and corresponding mandatory redemption obligations) in the order directed by the Director of Finance.

**(b) Optional Redemption.** The Refunding Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by and at the option of the City, in whole or in part on any date, in whole multiples of \$5,000, on the optional redemption dates and at the redemption prices specified in the Certificate of Award, plus, in each case, accrued interest to the redemption date. Based on the written advice of a Municipal Advisor, the Director of Finance may determine in the Certificate of Award that it is in the best interests of the City (i) for some or all of the Refunding Bonds not to be callable prior to their stated maturity, and (ii) for a premium to be payable on the redemption of any Refunding Bonds calculated in a manner to make the bondholder whole for the loss of the investment or calculated as a percentage in excess of 100% of the principal amount redeemed.

If optional redemption at a price exceeding 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed is to take place as of any applicable Mandatory Redemption Date, the Refunding Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed optionally shall be selected by lot prior to the selection by lot of the Refunding Bonds to be redeemed on the same date by operation of

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the Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements of paragraph (a). The Refunding Bonds shall be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph only upon written notice from the Director of Finance to the Registrar. That notice shall specify the redemption date and the principal amount of each maturity of Refunding Bonds to be redeemed, and shall be given at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Registrar. There shall be deposited with the Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, funds sufficient to redeem at the redemption price, all of the redeemable Refunding Bonds for which notice of redemption has been given.

**(c) Purchase in Lieu of Redemption.** If and to the extent provided in the Certificate of Award, the City may elect to purchase Refunding Bonds called for optional redemption in lieu of redeeming those Refunding Bonds. That election shall be exercised by written direction from the Director of Finance to the Registrar and the Escrow Agent. That written direction shall state whether all or less than all of the Refunding Bonds called for optional redemption are to be purchased by the City in lieu of redemption, shall identify the Refunding Bonds to be purchased by their maturity date and shall specify the principal amount of each maturity to be purchased in lieu of redemption. If less than all of the Refunding Bonds called for optional redemption are to be purchased in lieu of redemption, the amount of each maturity to be purchased shall be in amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples of \$5,000. Any Refunding Bonds called for optional redemption that are not to be purchased shall be redeemed in accordance with their redemption provisions. The purchase price of the Refunding Bonds to be purchased in lieu of redemption shall be equal to the principal of, any accrued but unpaid interest on, and any premium that would have been payable on the Refunding Bonds on the redemption date if the Refunding Bonds had been optionally redeemed instead of being purchased. No notice of the purchase in lieu of redemption is required to be given to the owners of the Refunding Bonds in addition to the notice of redemption required by this Ordinance. The Escrow Agent or Registrar, as paying agent, shall not purchase Refunding Bonds if sufficient moneys have not been deposited with the Escrow Agent or Registrar, as paying agent, by the City for the purpose. On or prior to the scheduled date for optional redemption, the City may rescind its direction to purchase the Refunding Bonds in lieu of redemption by written notice from the Director of Finance to the Registrar and the Escrow Agent. In the event that the direction to purchase is rescinded, the Refunding Bonds shall be redeemed on the redemption date set forth in the notice of redemption delivered to the owners of the Refunding Bonds and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**(d) Partial Redemption or Purchase.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Refunding Bonds are called for redemption at one time (whether for redemption or purchase in lieu or redemption), they shall be called in the order of maturities directed by the Director of Finance. If fewer than all Refunding Bonds of a single maturity are to be redeemed or purchased in lieu or redemption, the selection of Refunding Bonds to be redeemed or purchased, or portions thereof in amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, shall be made by the Registrar by lot in a manner determined by the Registrar. In the case of a partial redemption or purchase of Refunding Bonds by lot when Refunding Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000 are then outstanding, each \$5,000 unit of principal thereof shall be treated as though it were a separate Refunding Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all of the \$5,000 units of principal amount represented by a Refunding Bond are to be called for redemption, then upon notice of redemption of a \$5,000 unit or units, the registered owner of that Refunding Bond shall surrender the Refunding Bond to the Registrar (i) for payment of the redemption or purchase price of the \$5,000 unit or units called for redemption (including, without limitation, the interest accrued to the date fixed for

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redemption and any premium), and (ii) for issuance, without charge to the registered owner thereof, of a new Refunding Bond or Refunding Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured portion of the Bond not redeemed or purchased, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date as, the Refunding Bond surrendered.

**(e) Notice of Redemption.** The notice of the call for redemption of Refunding Bonds shall identify (i) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Refunding Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (ii) the redemption price to be paid, (iii) the date fixed for redemption, and (iv) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. The notice shall be given by the Registrar on behalf of the City by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption (or such period specified in the Certificate of Award), to the registered owner of each Refunding Bond subject to redemption in whole or in part at the registered owner's address shown on the Register (as defined in Section 3) maintained by the Registrar at the close of business on the fifteenth day preceding that mailing and to any Credit Support Instrument (as defined in Section 12 hereof) for the Refunding Bonds or designated portions thereof. Failure to receive notice by mail or any defect in that notice regarding any Refunding Bond, however, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Refunding Bond. Any notice of redemption of any Refunding Bonds may specify that the redemption is contingent on the deposit of moneys with the Escrow Agent or Registrar, as paying agent, on or prior to the redemption date in an amount sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Refunding Bonds that are to be redeemed.

**(f) Payment of Redeemed Refunding Bonds.** Notice having been mailed in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph, and moneys having been deposited by the City with the Escrow Agent or Registrar, as paying agent, in an amount sufficient to pay the redemption price, the Refunding Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date, and, upon presentation and surrender at the place or places specified in that notice, shall be paid. If money for the redemption of all of the Refunding Bonds and portions thereof to be redeemed, including interest accrued to the redemption date, is held by the Registrar on the redemption date, and, if notice of redemption has been deposited in the mail, then from and after the redemption date those Refunding Bonds and portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to bear interest and no longer shall be considered to be outstanding. If that money shall not be so available on the redemption date, or that notice shall not have been deposited in the mail, those Refunding Bonds and portions thereof shall continue to bear interest, until they are paid, at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. All money held by the Registrar for the redemption of particular Refunding Bonds shall be held in trust for the account of the registered owners and shall be paid to them, respectively, upon presentation and surrender of those Refunding Bonds.

The debt charges on the Refunding Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Registrar or Escrow Agent as paying agent. Principal shall be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Refunding Bonds at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar. Interest on a Refunding Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Refunding Bond was registered, and to that person's address appearing, on the Register at the close of business on the date provided in the Registrar Agreement authorized in Section 3 (the "Record Date"). Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the General Bond Ordinance, so long as the Refunding Bonds are

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held by a Depository in a book entry system (as described in Section 3), debt charges on the Refunding Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States by wire transfer to the Depository made by the Escrow Agent on each Interest Payment Date.

This Series Bond Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance. The General Bond Ordinance, except for the third paragraph of Section 13(a) (pertaining generally to an adjustment of the interest rate in an event of default) and the third paragraph of Section 4 (pertaining generally to the periods during which the City is not required to make any transfers or exchanges of Refunding Bonds issued under the General Bond Ordinance), will apply to the Refunding Bonds. Except for those provisions, the General Bond Ordinance is included as a part of this Ordinance as fully as if restated in this Ordinance. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Ordinance shall have the same meaning as set forth in the General Bond Ordinance.

**Section 3. Execution, Authentication, Approval and Recording of the Refunding Bonds; Exchange and Transfer of the Refunding Bonds; Paying Agents.** The Refunding Bonds shall express upon their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 4 of the General Bond Ordinance, each Refunding Bond shall be authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized officer of the Trustee (as defined therein). The Refunding Bonds shall be signed by the City's Mayor and by the City's Director of Finance, and, consistent with Revised Code Section 133.27 and notwithstanding Section 177.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City, either or both of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Refunding Bonds shall bear the seal of the City, which seal may be a facsimile seal. Pursuant to Section 83 of the City's Charter, the Director of Law shall prepare the Refunding Bonds and shall endorse thereon his approval of the form thereof by his manual or facsimile signature.

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is appointed to act as the authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Refunding Bonds (the "Registrar"); provided that the Escrow Agent shall also act as paying agent for the Refunding Bonds so long as the Refunding Bonds are held in a book entry system. The Director of Finance is authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, an agreement among the City, the Registrar and the Escrow Agent (the "Registrar Agreement") approved as to form by the Director of Law, containing terms that are not inconsistent with this Ordinance and not substantially adverse to the City and that are approved by the Director of Finance on behalf of the City, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Registrar Agreement by the Director of Finance. Payment for the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Registrar Agreement shall be made from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, to the extent available, and then from other money lawfully available and appropriated for that purpose.

So long as any of the Refunding Bonds remain outstanding, the City will cause the Registrar to maintain and keep at its principal corporate trust office all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Refunding Bonds as provided in this Section (the "Register"). Subject to the provisions of Section 4, the person in whose name a Refunding Bond is registered on the Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner of that Refunding Bond for all purposes of this Ordinance. Payment of or on account of the debt charges on any Refunding Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the City nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in this Section. All such

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payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the City's liability upon the Refunding Bond, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Refunding Bond may be exchanged for Refunding Bonds of any authorized denomination upon presentation and surrender at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Registrar. A Refunding Bond may be transferred only on the Register upon presentation and surrender of the Refunding Bond at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Refunding Bond or Refunding Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations requested by the owner equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Refunding Bond surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the City are required, the Registrar shall undertake the exchange or transfer of Refunding Bonds only after the new Refunding Bonds are signed by the authorized officers of the City. In all cases of Refunding Bonds exchanged or transferred, the City shall sign and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Refunding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner, except that the City and Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The City or the Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Refunding Bonds issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer shall be valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under this Ordinance, as the Refunding Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, if it is determined by the Director of Finance to be advantageous to the City, the Refunding Bonds may be issued in book entry form in accordance with the provisions of this Section. As used in this Section and this Ordinance:

“Book entry form” or “book entry system” means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in Refunding Bonds and the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) physical Refunding Bond certificates in fully registered form are issued by the City only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Refunding Bonds “immobilized” in the custody of the Depository. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Refunding Bonds and that principal and interest.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in bonds or the principal and interest, and to effect transfers of bonds, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.



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“Participant” means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Refunding Bonds may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized: (i) the Refunding Bonds may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered Refunding Bond representing each maturity and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive Refunding Bonds in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Refunding Bonds as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Refunding Bonds for use in a book entry system, the Director of Finance may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Director of Finance does not or is unable to do so, the Registrar, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Refunding Bonds from the Depository, and the Trustee and Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Refunding Bond certificates in registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Director of Finance is also hereby authorized and directed to the extent necessary or required to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Refunding Bonds, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and after the approval of the form of any such agreement by the Director of Law.

**Section 4. Sale of Refunding Bonds.** The Refunding Bonds shall first be offered for purchase to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund and, if not purchased by them, shall be offered to the Treasury Investment Account for purchase and, if not purchased for that Account, shall be sold to one or more firms that have proposed to underwrite the Refunding Bonds and have been selected by the Director of Finance based on an evaluation of the qualifications of those firms (collectively, the “Original Purchaser”).

The Refunding Bonds shall be awarded to the Original Purchaser in the Certificate of Award which shall specify the final terms of the Refunding Bonds in accordance with law, the provisions of this Ordinance, the written advice of the Municipal Advisor retained under authority of Section 13 and the Original Purchaser’s offer to purchase the Refunding Bonds, including: the principal amount of the Refunding Bonds, the Tax Status of the Refunding Bonds, the purchase price (which shall be not less than 97% of the principal amount of the Refunding Bonds plus any accrued interest to their date of delivery), interest rate or rates, the amounts and years in which principal installments are payable (at stated maturity or pursuant to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Requirements), the Interest Payment Dates and the date of the Refunding Bonds (if different from those set forth in Section 2), whether the refunding of the outstanding

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general obligation bonds will be accomplished through a Tender and/or Exchange Program and any other matters required in this Ordinance to be set forth in that Certificate. As appropriate under the Charter, the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Law, Clerk of Council and other appropriate officers of the City are, and each of them is, authorized to take such actions as are necessary, appropriate and in the best interest of the City to establish the terms and requirements for delivery of the Refunding Bonds and to make such arrangements as are necessary with the Original Purchaser in order to establish the date, location, procedure, and conditions for the delivery of the Refunding Bonds to the Original Purchaser, to give all appropriate notices and certificates, to cause a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds to be delivered to the Original Purchaser, to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance and to take all steps necessary to effect the due execution, authentication and delivery of the Refunding Bonds. The Director of Finance is further authorized to sign and deliver on behalf of the City a bond purchase agreement between the City and the Original Purchaser (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), approved as to form by the Director of Law, setting forth the terms and conditions on which the City agrees to sell the Refunding Bonds and the Original Purchaser agrees to buy the Refunding Bonds, which shall be consistent with this Ordinance, not substantially adverse to the City, and approved by the Director of Finance and the Director of Law on behalf of the City, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Bond Purchase Agreement or amendments to the Bond Purchase Agreement by the Director of Finance. It is determined that the terms of the Refunding Bonds, as provided in this Ordinance and as may be provided in or pursuant to the Certificate of Award, are in the best interest of the City and in compliance with all legal requirements.

If, in the judgment of the Director of Finance, a disclosure document in the form of an Official Statement is appropriate or necessary in connection with the original issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the Director of Finance is authorized to prepare or cause to be prepared on behalf of the City an Official Statement and any necessary supplements and to authorize the use and distribution of that Official Statement and any supplements. The Director of Finance is authorized to sign on behalf of the City that Official Statement and any supplements. The Director of Finance is authorized to sign and deliver, on behalf of the City, such certificates in connection with the accuracy of the Official Statement and any supplements as may, in the Director's judgment, be necessary or appropriate. The Director of Finance is also authorized to determine and certify on behalf of the City that such disclosure document is "deemed final" by the City within the meaning of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "SEC Rule"). 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 the Refunding Bonds, the City agrees, in accordance with, and as the only obligated person with respect to the Refunding Bonds under the SEC Rule, 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 the SEC Rule. 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 is 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

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by the City for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Refunding Bonds in accordance with the SEC Rule. 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. The Director of Finance is further authorized to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the City with its continuing disclosure agreement, including the timely provision of information and notices.

**Section 5. Provision for Levying and Collecting Tax.** For the purpose of providing the necessary funds to pay the interest on the Refunding Bonds promptly when and as the same falls due, and also to provide for the discharge of the Refunding Bonds at maturity, there shall be and is levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Refunding Bonds are outstanding, in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of that interest, when and as the same shall fall due, and also to discharge the principal of the Refunding Bonds at maturity, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Constitution of Ohio.

The tax shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, extended and collected. The tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from those tax levies shall be placed in the Unvoted Tax Supported Obligations Account of the Sinking Fund as required by the General Bond Ordinance and those funds, together with the interest collected on them shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds when and as the same fall due; provided, however, that, subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the General Bond Ordinance, in each year to the extent that revenues are available from other sources for the payment of the Refunding Bonds and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such tax shall be reduced by the amount of such revenues so available and appropriated.

This Council hereby covenants, on behalf of the City and its officials, pursuant to the authorization under Sections 133.25(B)(1) and 5705.51 of the Revised Code, and in accordance with the provisions of and to the extent required or permitted by the General Bond Ordinance, that the City will appropriate annually from the proceeds of the City's municipal income taxes an amount as is necessary to meet the annual debt charges for the Refunding Bonds.

**Section 6. Application of Proceeds; Notice of Redemption of Refunding Bonds.** Pursuant to Revised Code Section 133.34, the General Bond Ordinance and this Ordinance, the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds to be applied to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds shall be deposited in a separate bank account within the Unvoted Refunding Bond and Note Redemption Account of the Sinking Fund held by The Huntington National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, as Escrow Agent, in accordance with Section 179.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City and the Escrow Agreement described below, and shall be applied to the payment of debt service charges on the Refunding Bonds from and after the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds to and including their respective maturity or prior redemption dates. The amount to be deposited in the Escrow Fund shall be determined by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award and shall be the amount necessary, together with money in the Unvoted Tax Supported Obligations Account of the Sinking Fund available for the purpose, to provide for the refunding of the Refunded Bonds. Any transfer to the Escrow Fund of any money currently on deposit in

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the Unvoted Tax Supported Obligations Account and determined by the Director of Finance to be available for payment of the Refunding Bonds, is authorized by this Ordinance.

Money deposited in the Escrow Fund shall be (a) held in cash or (b) invested in direct obligations of the United States of America that mature or are subject to redemption by and at the option of the holder, in amounts sufficient, together with any uninvested cash in the Escrow Fund but without further investment or reinvestment, for the payment of the principal of, and any redemption premium and interest on, the Refunded Bonds as provided in the Escrow Agreement. Pursuant to the respective Ordinances authorizing the Refunded Bonds, Section 133.34 of the Revised Code and this Ordinance, money deposited in the Escrow Fund, and the investment income thereon, are pledged to the payment of the Refunded Bonds.

Pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 133 and this Ordinance, and notwithstanding Chapter 179 of the Codified Ordinances, any accrued interest received from the sale of the Refunding Bonds and any original issue premium in excess of the amount deposited with the Escrow Agent under the Escrow Agreement to accomplish the refunding of the Refunded Bonds shall be deposited in the Unvoted Tax Supported Obligations Account of the Sinking Fund to be applied to the payment of interest on the Refunding Bonds. The proceeds of the Refunding Bonds to be applied to pay costs of any Credit Support Instruments obtained pursuant to Section 12 shall be paid to the provider or providers of those Credit Support Instruments. The proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds to be used to pay costs of issuing the Refunding Bonds and refunding the Refunded Bonds shall be deposited with the Registrar in a separate account under the Registrar Agreement pending their application to the payment of such costs.

The Director of Finance is authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, an agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the City and the Escrow Agent, providing for the investment and holding in escrow of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds to be applied to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and for the application of the moneys derived from such investments, in accordance with the General Bond Ordinance and this Ordinance and as otherwise directed by law. Notice of the advance refunding of any of the Refunded Bonds and any direction for the redemption of Refunded Bonds prior to stated maturity shall be given in accordance with the terms of the Refunded Bonds and as further provided in the Escrow Agreement. The Refunded Bonds shall be retired at stated maturity or redeemed prior to maturity as provided in the Certificate of Award and in accordance with the ordinance authorizing the respective Refunded Bonds and the Escrow Agreement. The Director of Finance shall provide for the payment of the services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred pursuant to the Escrow Agreement from money lawfully available and appropriated or to be appropriated for that purpose. The Director of Finance is authorized to obtain the services of an independent accounting firm of national reputation to provide a verification report as to the adequacy of the escrow fund to pay the Refunded Bonds on the dates set forth in the Escrow Agreement. The Director of Finance and other appropriate City officials shall execute all documents and take all other actions necessary or appropriate on the part of the City to effect the refunding of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the General Bond Ordinance and this Ordinance and as otherwise directed by law, and to cause the Refunded Bonds to be deemed paid and discharged.

If U.S. Treasury Securities State and Local Government Series are to be purchased for the Escrow Fund, the Escrow Agent is authorized to file, on behalf of the

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City, subscriptions for the purchase and issuance of those Securities. If those Securities are not timely available for purchase, or if in the judgment of the Director of Finance, an open-market purchase of direct obligations of the United States of America for the Escrow Fund is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City, the Director of Finance may purchase and deliver those obligations, engage the services of a bidding agent or similar entity for the purpose of facilitating the bidding, purchase and delivery of such obligations for, and any related structuring of, the Escrow Fund, execute such instruments as are deemed necessary to engage such services for such purpose, and provide further for the payment of the cost of obtaining such services from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available and that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 7. General Obligation.** The Refunding Bonds are secured by a pledge and lien on a parity with the pledges and liens authorized by the General Bond Ordinance and, in addition to the taxes and revenues specifically pledged pursuant to this Ordinance and the General Bond Ordinance and the other covenants, terms and agreements provided hereunder and in the General Bond Ordinance to secure payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds, the City hereby determines, declares, warrants and covenants that the Refunding Bonds are general obligations of the City and that the full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds in accordance with the laws and Constitution of the State of Ohio, this Ordinance and the General Bond Ordinance.

**Section 8. Defeasance.**

(a) Release of Ordinance. If the City shall pay or cause to be paid and discharged all the outstanding Refunding Bonds, or there shall otherwise be paid to the holders of the outstanding Refunding Bonds all debt charges due or to become due thereon, and provision shall also be made for paying all other sums payable hereunder, then and in that event this Ordinance (except for Section 8(b) hereof) shall cease to be of further effect, and the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the City under this Ordinance shall be discharged and satisfied, and thereupon the Trustee shall at the request of the City execute and deliver to the City such instruments in writing as shall discharge the lien hereof and enter on the record such discharge of the lien and such other instruments as may be reasonably required by the City.

(b) Payment and Discharge of Refunding Bonds. Outstanding Refunding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of this Ordinance, including without limitation, Section 8(a) hereof, if:

(i) the Escrow Agent or Paying Agent shall hold in special accounts or subaccounts, in trust for and irrevocably committed solely thereto, sufficient moneys; or

(ii) the Escrow Agent shall hold in special accounts or subaccounts, in trust for and irrevocably committed solely thereto, direct obligations of the United States certified by an independent public accounting firm of national reputation to be of such maturities and interest payment dates and to bear such interest, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings therefrom (likewise to be held in trust and committed, except as hereinafter provided), as will be sufficient, together with moneys referred to in (i) above, for the payment, at their maturities or

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redemption dates, of all debt charges on the Refunding Bonds to their date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be, or if default in such payment shall have occurred on such date then to the date of the tender of such payment; provided, that if any Refunding Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption shall have been duly given or irrevocable provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been duly made for the giving of such notice. Any moneys held by the Escrow Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be invested by the Escrow Agent in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing, or redeemable at the option of the holder, at times and in amounts sufficient to meet payment of debt charges on the Refunding Bonds, as directed by the Director of Finance. Any income or interest earned by, or increment to, the investments held under this Section shall, to the extent determined from time to time by the Escrow Agent to be in excess of the amount required to be held by it for the purposes of this Section, be transferred at the time of such determination as provided in Section 17(a) of the General Bond Ordinance for unclaimed funds held by a Paying Agent. In the event of nonpresentment of any Refunding Bond as described in Section 17(a) of the General Bond Ordinance, the moneys held pursuant to this Section shall be held and paid as provided in said Section 17(a) for unclaimed funds held by a Paying Agent.

## **Section 9. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Any provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and the General Bond Ordinance shall not apply to the Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

(b) All covenants, terms and provisions of the General Bond Ordinance are fully applicable to the Refunding Bonds authorized herein, and nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to alter or restrict such full application of the General Bond Ordinance, except for the exclusion from application to the Refunding Bonds of the provisions of the third paragraph of Section 13(a) and the third paragraph of Section 4 of the General Bond Ordinance pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance.

**Section 10. Captions.** The captions or headings in this Ordinance are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provisions or sections of this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Federal Tax Considerations.** The City covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (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 an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The City further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds 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 Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict

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the yield on investment property acquired with those proceeds, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (v) refrain from certain uses of those 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.

Each covenant made in this section with respect to the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this section to take with respect to the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds.

The Director of Finance, as the fiscal officer, or any other officer of the City having responsibility for issuance of the Refunding Bonds is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds as the City is permitted or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections provided for in Section 148(f)(4)(C) of the Code or available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing rebate amounts 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 amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the 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 Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Refunding Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the City regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds.

**Section 12. Credit Facilities and Ratings.** 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 of Refunding 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 of Refunding 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. As used in this section, "Credit Support Instrument" means an insurance policy, surety, letter of credit, or other instrument used to enhance or provide for the security of Refunding Bonds. The cost of obtaining each rating and the cost of obtaining each Credit Support Instrument, except to the extent paid by the Original

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Purchasers in accordance with the Bond Purchase Agreement, shall be paid from the proceeds of Refunding Bonds or funds appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 13. Municipal Advisor.** The Director of Finance may obtain the services of one or more municipal advisors (the “Municipal Advisor”), from time to time, to assist the Director of Finance in making any of the determinations required by this Ordinance to be determined by the Director of Finance. 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. Any Municipal Advisor employed under the authority of this Ordinance shall have a fiduciary duty to the City, be disinterested in the transaction, and be independent of the Original Purchaser and any other party interested in the transaction. Any references to “financial advisor” in any transaction documents related to the issuance of general obligations (including any general obligations issued prior to the Refunding Bonds authorized in this Ordinance) shall have the same meaning as “Municipal Advisor” as used in this Ordinance.

**Section 14. Open Meeting Determination.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in these formal actions were held in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

**Section 15. Findings and Recitals of Validity.** It is hereby determined, represented and recited that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Refunding Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the City have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. It is further found and determined, and is represented and recited, that the provisions of Sections 28, 29, 32, 33 (including the provisions of Section 33 with respect to readings on three separate days or dispensing with such readings by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Council), 36, 37, 48 and all other applicable provisions of the City’s Charter and the rules of this Council have been fully complied with and this Ordinance was passed in conformity therewith.

**Section 16. Delivery to County.** The Director of Finance is directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance and of the Certificate of Award for the Refunding Bonds to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer and to secure a receipt therefor.

**Section 17. Severability.** Each section and each part of each section of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section or part of a section and, notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any such section or part of a section or any provision thereof, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remaining sections or parts of sections and the application of such provisions to any other person or circumstance, other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and it is declared to be the legislative intent that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been passed independently of such section, or parts of a section, so held to be invalid.



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**Section 18. Legislative Intent.** All terms, conditions, pledges, covenants or agreements on the part of the City provided for in this Ordinance are made by the voluntary act of the City under its lawful authority, including its authority under its Charter and Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio.

Nothing in this 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, notes, certificates of indebtedness, other obligations, trust indentures, trust agreements, or other agreements or contracts made or entered into by the City and for which consideration was duly received by the City prior to the passage of this Ordinance or the General Bond Ordinance.

**Section 19. Sunset of Authorization.** The authority granted by this Ordinance for the issuance and sale of Refunding Bonds shall expire three years from the effective date of this Ordinance. If a preliminary official statement with respect to the issuance of a series of Refunding Bonds is distributed under the authority of this Ordinance at any time within the three-year period following its effective date, then the authority granted by this Ordinance shall not expire as to that series of Refunding 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 Refunding Bonds under the authority of this Ordinance.

**Section 20. Emergency Measure.** That this ordinance is 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 passage 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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