

Date: June 15, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202201351
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – ARTWORK ON TRAFFIC CONTROL BOXES

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on various traffic control boxes located in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood and the Central Business District, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) received funding from the Cincinnati Center City Development (3CDC) and the Ohio Arts Council to implement a public artwork project called “Outside The Box” (OTB). The OTB program has been implemented in cities across the country. The OTB project involves applying a patterned vinyl artwork wrap to existing City traffic control boxes in the public right of way. This can discourage graffiti, beautify the public sphere, and foster public pride. The selected boxes are located in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering has guidelines for the artwork related to visual criteria and physical placement on this City infrastructure and is working closely with KCB.

The emergency ordinance is necessary to meet the needs of KCB to begin installation the summer of 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering