



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Public Safety & Governance

Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Anna Albi

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

9:30 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

REVISED

PRESENTATIONS

Crime Within Food Truck Zones

Jillian Desmond, Senior Crime Analyst

Captain David Schofield, Central Business Section Commander

Discussion of Short Vine

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Hammer, Assistant Chief of Strategic Innovations Bureau

AGENDA

1. [202501996](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 11/12/2025, regarding CBS/D1 - Crime Within Food Truck Zones.

Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Presentation](#)
2. [202501734](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 723-42, "Mobile Food Vending," to clarify and better align the Cincinnati Municipal Code with best practices for regulating mobile food vending in the public right-of-way to protect the health, safety, and welfare in the City.

Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

3. [202501961](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/5/2025, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 911, "Miscellaneous Misdemeanors," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 911-28, "Special Extended Curfew District for Minors," to create a new special extended curfew district in the Short Vine area of the Corryville neighborhood to better address juvenile crime and support juvenile safety in Cincinnati.

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ADJOURNMENT

November 12, 2025

To: Members of the Public Safety & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501996

Subject: CBS / D1 - Crime Within Food Truck Zones

Attached is the presentation submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated November 12, 2025, regarding CBBS / D1 – Crime Within Food Truck Zones.

cc: John S. Brazina, Interim Assistant City Manager

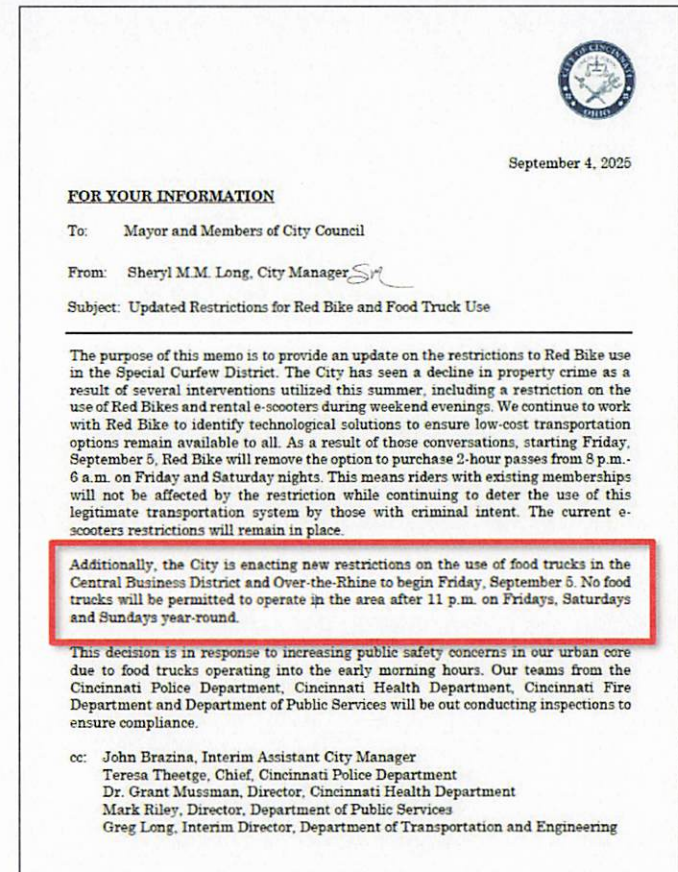
CBS / D1 – Crime Within Food Truck Zones

Cincinnati Police Department



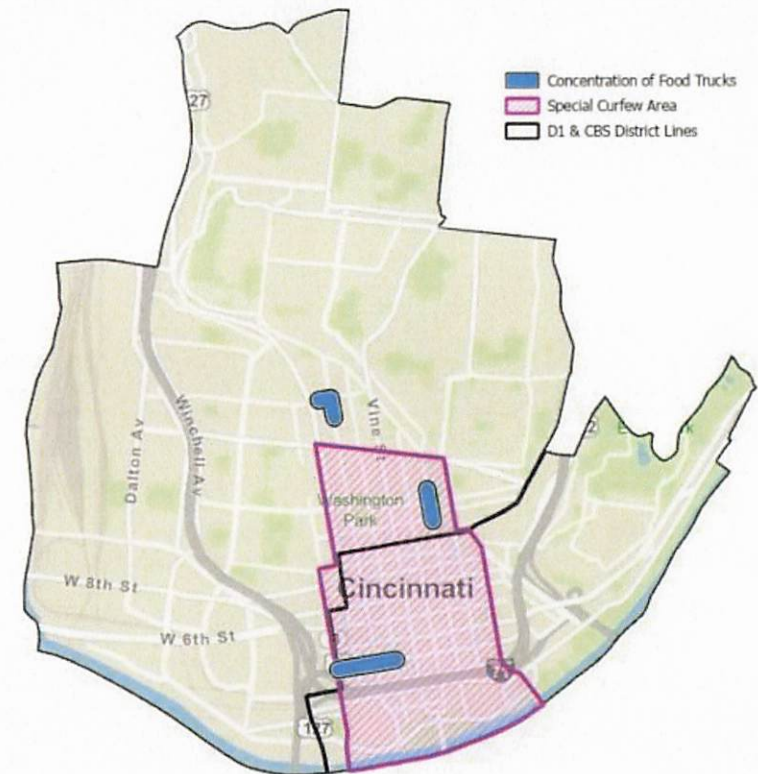
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 - Disorder, fighting, and traffic/parking
 - Strain on CBS/D1 police resources
- **Analysis: Understanding the Associated Factors**
 - Proximity to Liquor Establishments
 - Lack of Clear Place Management
 - Extending “Late Night” Hours
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Map of District 1 and Central Business Section

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- **Problem #1:** Disorder, Fighting, Traffic/Parking Concerns
- **Problem #2:** Strain on Police Resources
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What is CAD and a Call for Service (CFS)?

Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) is a system that records every CFS. It helps call-takers and dispatchers manage officers in the field.

Contrary to common belief, a CFS isn't just a citizen call. It also includes self-initiated officer activity and contacts. These entries support coordination and safety by showing who is available and engaged on an assignment.

Calls for Service near Food Truck Concentrations
January 1 - August 31, 2025



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(Late Night Only)**

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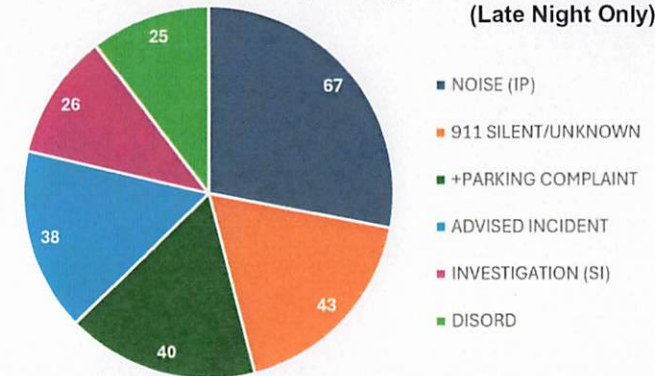
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Top Call Types in Food Truck Zones
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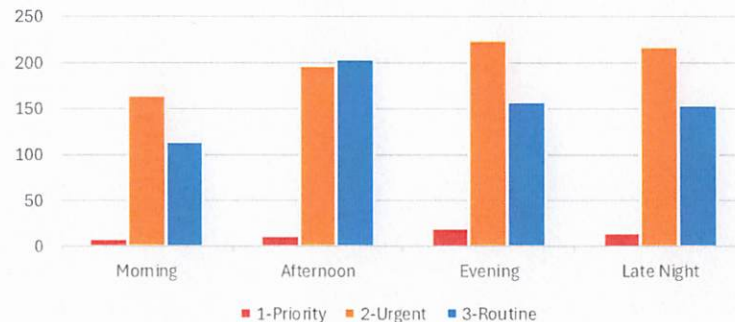
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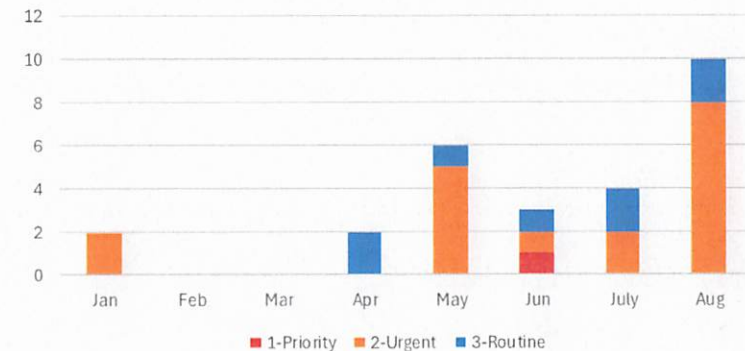
Code Zero is radio terminology that refers to “No Available Units”. It is not logged for all calls; some units will be directly assigned without relying on the automated-portion of CAD.

During Code Zero, a supervisor may choose to “pull” an officer from an active call or a surrounding beat, or let the call wait in a queue.

**Distribution of Caller-Generated CFS in Food Truck Zones
by Time of Day**
January 1 - August 31, 2025



Calls in Food Truck Zones at Code Zero* (Late Night Only)
January 1 – August 31, 2025



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Analysis: Understanding Factors

- **What:** Crowds, Disorder, Fighting, Traffic/Parking Concerns
- **Who:** Crowds and lack thereof place management
 - Other late-night joints have similar association with late-night crowds/disorder
- **Where:** Specific Zones where Food Trucks Concentrate
 - Heightened when adjacent to bars
- **When:** Late During and After Drinking Hours
 - Heightened at bar let-out
- **Why/Contributing Factors:** Public Space have no designated place manager
 - Example: For nuisance properties, land/business owner is expected to manage behavior in its dining room or parking lot.
 - Who manages a “dining space” in front of food trucks?

Response: Increase Restrictions and Enforcement

- **Response #1:** Heavier Parking Enforcement, generally
- **Response #2:** Restrict Hours of Operation of Food Trucks
- **Response #3:** Restrict Proximity to Liquor Establishments

Outputs: Increase in Citations and Warnings given to Food Truck Operators (after a few weeks -- to hit staff notes)

CFS with CITED or TOW Disposition in Food Truck Zones
January 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025



Assessment: Effects of Food Truck Restrictions

Calls for Service in Food Truck Zones

January 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025



Calls in W 4th Street Food Truck Zone, 11pm - 5am

	Last Year - Pre		During	Post	
	Sep-24	Aug-24		Sep-25	Oct-25
Priority	2	2	0	1	0
Urgent	15	16	22	12	19
Routine	16	22	19	21	16
Total Calls	33	40	41	34	35

Calls in Main Street Food Truck Zone, 11pm - 5am

	Pre		During	Post	
	Aug-24	Sep-24		Sep-25	Oct-25
Priority	1	1	3	0	1
Urgent	15	19	22	16	16
Routine	12	12	18	11	11
Total Calls	28	32	43	27	28

Calls in Findlay Food Truck Zone, 11pm - 5am

	Pre		During	Post	
	Aug-24	Sep-24		Sep-25	Oct-25
Priority	1	1	1	2	2
Urgent	7	4	12	11	12
Routine	3	2	5	5	5
Total Calls	11	7	18	18	19

Assessment: Effects of Food Truck Restrictions

- Overall, **moderate effect** on calls for service (measure of disorder), but **inconclusive on reported crime**
- Limitations**
 - Imprecise Measures: No good way of measuring crime/CFS are associated with food trucks
 - Multiple Concurrent Responses: Reduction caused by these restrictions and not other responses
 - Lack of Time for Effect: Less than 2 months since enacted

Reported Crime in Food Truck Zones					
	Pre		Before	Post	
	Aug-24	Sep-24	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
W 4th Street Zone	7	16	8	3	2
Main Street Zone	6	8	5	5	7
Findlay Zone	1	8	8	7	7
Total Calls	14	32	21	15	16

* Most of these offenses are Thefts from Auto or Auto Theft, as this has been a hot spot area

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Questions?

Cincinnati Police Department

Captain David Schofield

Dr. Jillian Desmond

September 17, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

202501734

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Food Truck CMC Changes

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 723-42, “Mobile Food Vending,” to clarify and better align the Cincinnati Municipal Code with best practices for regulating mobile food vending in the public right-of-way to protect the health, safety, and welfare in the City.

The City enacted new restrictions on the use of food trucks in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine on Friday, September 5. No food trucks will be permitted to operate in the area after 11 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays year-round. This decision is in response to increasing public safety concerns in our urban core due to food trucks operating into the early morning hours.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Interim City Manager
John S. Brazina, Interim City Manager
William “Billy” Weber, Assistant City Manager

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WHEREAS, a revocable street privilege (“RSP”) is the primary tool by which the City of Cincinnati provides permission for a person to make special use of the public right-of-way or to place a structure or other object in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 723, “Street and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” authorizes and governs certain uses of the City’s streets and sidewalks for which RSPs are made available, and these uses currently include mobile food vendors on the City’s streets; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 288-2023, passed on August 2, 2023, Council authorized and opened City streets to mobile food vendors to encourage economic vitality and the multi-dimensional use of City streets; and

WHEREAS, since 2023, mobile food vendors have congregated in parts of the City during late night hours which have created concerns and issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to clearly authorize the City Manager to manage mobile food vending, including by prohibiting mobile food vending in certain areas and during certain times which promotes public health and safety throughout the City of Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That existing Section 723-42, “Mobile Food Vending,” of Chapter 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 723-42. - Mobile Food Vending.

- (a) For purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.

1. “Mobile Food-Vending Unit” shall be defined as a commercially manufactured, motorized, or otherwise mobile unit, truck, or cart that is readily movable, and from which non-alcoholic beverages and/or ready-to-eat food is cooked, wrapped, packaged, processed, or portioned for service, sale, or distribution.
 2. “Mobile Food Vendor” shall be defined as any person who sells or offers for sale food or beverages from a Mobile Food-Vending Unit in any public, private, or restricted space.
- (b) Mobile food vending is permitted on street and other public rights-of-way in the City, subject to the following requirements:
- (1) The mobile food-vending unit must be parked within a designated parking space, provided that a mobile food vendor may not park within the following areas:
 1. A residential zoning district;
 2. A parking zone that requires a parking permit;
 3. Parking spaces designated for motorcycle or bicycle parking;
 4. Parking spaces designated for disabled persons;
 5. No parking zones, loading zones, valet zones, bus lanes, bicycle lanes, or other restricted use zones;
 6. Within 100 feet of a restaurant, food service business, school, or outdoor dining area or parklet space, unless the mobile food vendor first obtains the prior written consent of all operators of restaurants, food service businesses, schools, and outdoor dining areas, and parklet spaces located within 100 feet of the subject parking space;
 7. Within 100 feet of a sidewalk vendor authorized under Section 723-16, “Sidewalk Vending”;
 8. Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, bus stop, mailbox, building entrance, sidewalk elevator, fire exit or escape, or a police or fire call box; or
 9. Within 750 feet of a special event, community event, parade, or assembly, unless authorized to participate in such event.
 10. A parking zone or parking spaces during a time when parking or mobile food-vending operations are prohibited.

(2) A mobile food vendor must:

1. Be actively engaged in providing mobile food-vending at all times while occupying a parking space.
2. Keep the area within a 5-foot radius of the mobile food-vending unit clear of all litter and debris arising from their operations.
3. Collect and dispose of all litter, waste, and debris generated by their mobile food vending, including litter, waste, and debris generated by their customers. Such litter, waste, and debris shall not be placed in city trash receptacles.
4. Pay all parking and meter fees for the parking spot occupied by its mobile food-vending unit and shall comply with all applicable parking restrictions and requirements.
5. Promptly vacate its parking spot and cease providing mobile food vending if directed to do so by a parking enforcement agent or law enforcement officer in the interest of public health or safety or when the parking spot is required for municipal purposes.
6. Comply with all applicable food-service laws, rules, regulations, including, but not limited to, obtain a food-service permit and related certifications.

(3) A mobile food vendor may not:

1. Utilize the city's electrical outlets, unless specifically authorized by the city.
2. Park in a manner that prevents other vehicles from parking in otherwise available spaces.
3. Block, obstruct, or restrict the free passage of vehicles or persons in the lawful use of street, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way or ingress or egress to an abutting property.

(c) The city manager or the manager's designee is authorized to establish rules and regulations to provide for the safe, efficient, and orderly administration and enforcement of this section.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is

the immediate need to identify and restrict parking in areas of the City which see a congregation of mobile food vendors and reduce the risk to the public health, safety, and welfare of the Cincinnati neighborhoods.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

November 5, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance - Amending CMC 911-28 to Add Short Vine Special Curfew**

202501961

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 911, “Miscellaneous Misdemeanors,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 911-28, “Special Extended Curfew District for Minors,” to create a new special extended curfew district in the Short Vine area of the Corryville neighborhood to better address juvenile crime and support juvenile safety in Cincinnati.

cc: John S. Brazina, Interim Assistant City Manager

EMERGENCY

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MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 911, “Miscellaneous Misdemeanors,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 911-28, “Special Extended Curfew District for Minors,” to create a new special extended curfew district in the Short Vine area of the Corryville neighborhood to better address juvenile crime and support juvenile safety in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, ensuring safe and clean communities is a core function of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Short Vine area of Cincinnati, comprised of a section of the Corryville neighborhood, is experiencing a disproportionate number and concentration of youth-related calls for service in the evening and overnight; and

WHEREAS, decreasing juvenile crime and supporting juvenile safety are compelling government interests; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in Cincinnati, Council finds it necessary to provide the City with all appropriate tools necessary to ensure flexibility to combat threats to communities; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 911-28, “Special Extended Curfew District for Minors,” of Chapter 911, “Miscellaneous Misdemeanors,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 911-28. Special Extended Curfew District for Minors.

(a) Definitions.

- (1) “Minor” shall mean a person who is under the age of 18 years of age.
- (2) “Remain” shall mean to linger or to stay upon a place.
- (3) “Adult” shall mean a person at least 21 years of age.
- (4) “Emergency” shall mean any unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

- (5) “Knowingly” shall have the same meaning as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 2901.22.
 - (6) “Emancipated Minor” shall mean a minor child under the age of 18 years of age and free of parental control.
 - (7) “Special Extended Curfew District” refers to a specially designated area of Cincinnati in which curfew parameters varying from citywide curfew parameters may be imposed.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to be, or remain in, about or upon any place in the city designated a special extended curfew district away from the dwelling house or usual place of abode of said minor, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day.
 - (c) *Exceptions.* The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to any minor who is:
 - (1) Accompanied by said minor’s parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care, custody, or supervision of said minor;
 - (2) Emancipated;
 - (3) Exercising First Amendment Rights protected by the United States Constitution;
 - (4) Going to or from employment without detour or stop;
 - (5) Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity sponsored by the City of Cincinnati, by a civic or public organization or entity, or by another similar organization or entity, which activity is supervised by adults, and/or going to or returning from such an activity without detour or stop;
 - (6) Involved in an emergency;
 - (7) Involved in interstate travel through, or beginning or terminating in, the city;
 - (8) On the sidewalk abutting the minor’s residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor’s presence; or
 - (9) Running an errand or doing any other specific task or activity directed or permitted by said minor’s parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of said minor.
 - (d) *Parent or Guardian to Take Minor Into Custody.* In addition to any other powers already provided by law, any law enforcement officer who arrests a minor for violating any of the provisions of division (b) of this section shall be empowered to demand of the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of said minor that

said parent, guardian or other adult person appear and take said minor into custody. Should there be a failure of the parent, guardian or other adult person to appear and take custody of such minor, the officer may then be empowered to take the minor home or to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. It shall be unlawful for any such parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of said minor to fail or refuse to appear and take said minor into custody within two hours after such demand is made upon said parent, unless reasonably hindered from doing so.

- (e) *Responsibility of Parent or Guardian.* No parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of a minor shall knowingly permit or by inefficient control allow such minor to be, or remain in, about or upon any place in the city designated a special extended curfew district away from the dwelling house or usual place of abode of said minor in violation of any of the provisions of Section 911-28(b).
- (f) *Authority of Officer to Transport Minor.* Any law enforcement officer who arrests a minor for violating any of the provisions of division (b) of this section, in addition to any other powers already provided by law, shall be empowered to transport said minor to the nearest center designated as a holding facility for curfew violators. The numbers and locations of such centers shall be determined or modified by the Chief of Police based upon need and desirability. The minor shall be released only to a parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of said minor, or a person at least 18 years of age designated for such purpose by a parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of said minor, or an appropriate juvenile agency.
- (g) *Penalty.*
 - (1) Any minor found violating the provisions of division (b) of this section shall be guilty of committing a curfew violation.
 - (2) Any parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of a minor who shall violate the provisions of 911-28(d) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Any parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of a minor who violates the provisions of 911-28(e) shall receive a written warning for the first violation. Any parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or supervision of a minor who violates the provisions of 911-28(e) for the second and any subsequent offenses shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (h) *Enforcement.* Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a law enforcement officer shall ask the apparent offender's age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no exception in subsection (c) is present.
- (i) *Monitoring of Effectiveness and Annual Report.* The City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall devise and institute a procedure to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and desirability of any special extended curfew district, and prepare a detailed report for annual submissions to city council.

- (j) *Severability*. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of the provisions of this section is for any reason declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this section.
- (k) *Downtown Special Extended Curfew District*. There shall be a Downtown Special Extended Curfew District, the perimeter of which is illustrated in attached Map 911-28(k) Downtown Special Extended Curfew District.
- (l) *Short Vine Special Extended Curfew District*. There shall be a Short Vine Special Extended Curfew District, the perimeter of which is illustrated in attached Map 911-28(m) Short Vine Special Extended Curfew District.

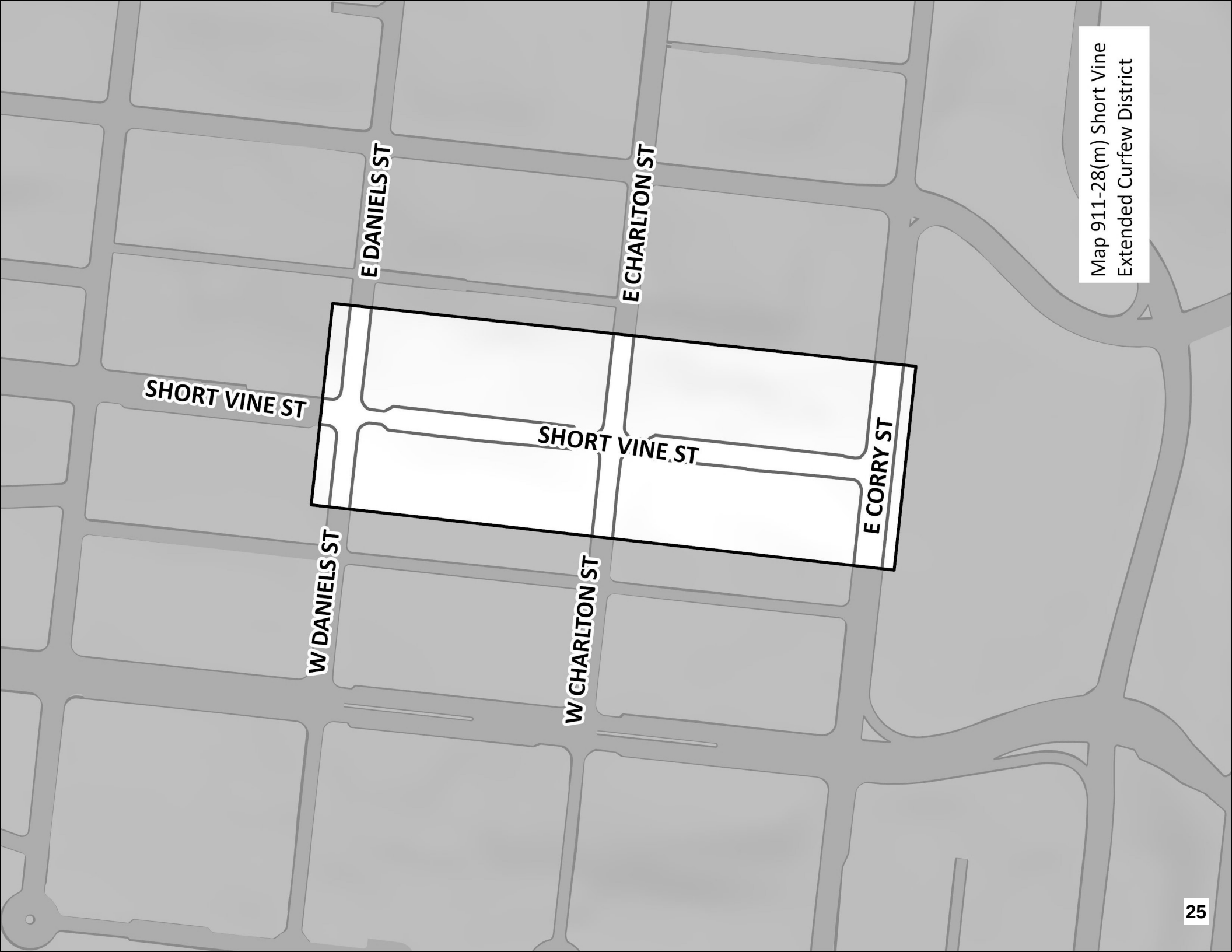
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Map 911-28(m) Short Vine
Extended Curfew District