



City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 368

- 2022

AUTHORIZING the City Administration to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from members of the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources for the purpose of the design, installation, and maintenance of the LGBT+ Pride crosswalks on Vine Street; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Special Revenue Fund No. 314, "Special Events."

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 202-2018 on June 27, 2018, through which the Council authorized the City Manager to install a LGBT Pride crosswalk (the "Crosswalk") at the crosswalk on the northside of Vine Street at Twelfth Street and authorized the acceptance of monetary donations for the installation of the Crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 202-2018 recognized the design, installation, and maintenance of the Crosswalk is the City's own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City's intent to create a free speech forum; and

WHEREAS, Council now seeks to allow for the installation of new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks, at the Crosswalk's current location and directly south of the existing Crosswalk, and at the crosswalk on the southside of Vine Street at Twelfth Street, in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City's design, installation, and maintenance of the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks is the City's own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City's intent to create a free speech forum; and

WHEREAS, the City may designate one or more agents or contractors, including Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") to carry out all or a portion of the work required to design, install, and maintain the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks which work may include maintenance and redesign of the Crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the City may also accept donations from one or more persons, including 3CDC, in order to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks and to ensure the design, installation, and maintenance of the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks shall have little or no impact on the General Fund of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to redesign the Crosswalk and install the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks and further permit the City to accept additional monetary and in-kind donations for the installation of the new LGBT+ Pride crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, the LGBT+ Pride crosswalks are in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “Become nationally and internationally recognized as a vibrant and unique City” and strategy to “Promote Cincinnati’s lifestyle” as well as the “Live” goal to “Build a robust public life” and strategy to “Develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 121-125 and 149-152, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

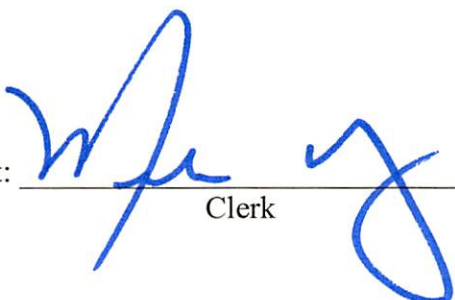
Section 1. That the City Administration is hereby authorized to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from members of the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources for the purpose of the design, installation, and maintenance of the LGBT+ Pride crosswalks on Vine Street.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati for the LGBT+ Pride crosswalks into Special Revenue Fund No. 314, “Special Events.”

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: October 5, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor