



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Healthy Neighborhoods

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney
Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Scotty Johnson

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

Imperial Theater Updates

Seven Hills Neighborhood Housing Trauma Recovery Center of Cincinnati

Sheila Nared, Trauma Recovery Center Director

Mildred Patterson, Victim Advocate Specialist

AGENDA

- [202500582](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Parking Citation Amnesty Period. (Reference Document # 202401714)
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Report](#)
- [202500594](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Reading Road at Gholson Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Katt Williams Way" in honor of Micah "Katt" Williams, and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a nationally recognized stand-up comedian, actor, and producer who has risen to fame due to his outstanding talent, hard work, and perseverance.
Sponsors: Kearney
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

ADJOURNMENT

March 26, 2025

202500582

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Parking Citation Amnesty Period**

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202401714

At its session on September 4, 2024, the Healthy Neighborhoods Committee referred the following item for review and report:

WE MOVE for the City Administration to create a parking amnesty period from September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024, for unpaid parking tickets incurred within the City of Cincinnati through July 31, 2024. The amount owed during this amnesty period will include only the original ticket cost and no additional penalties or fees.

BACKGROUND

Parking restrictions help ensure appropriate and safe use of the right-of-way curb areas such as no parking zones, bus stops, handicapped parking, loading zones, residential parking and metered parking for turnover. Parking fines are the way local governments enforce areas where parking is restricted. When parking occurs in violation of the posted signage, parking fines help encourage a change in behavior. By penalizing parking in unsafe zones that increase risk of accidents¹, they are a critical part of pedestrian and road user safety. The City of Cincinnati (“the City”) has a duty to enforce the collection of parking fines, while recognizing the complexities of circumstances and being reasonable throughout the collection process.

Parking Citation Collections Overview

The City upholds a fair and robust process for issuing and collecting parking fines and penalties. Citations paid within 14 days do not have a penalty; citations paid after 14 days but before 21 days are assessed a penalty; and citations paid after 21 days are assessed an additional penalty up to a maximum [*as outlined in the chart below*]. All citations are issued according to the Cincinnati Municipal Code section

¹ ‘Influence of typical drivers’ unsafe driving behaviors to traffic operation: An exploratory study in Kunming, China’ [2017]; *Advances in Mechanical Engineering*

515-11, and citations written in error are eligible for appeal through the City's Violation Bureau, managed by the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Chart: Parking Violation Fines & Corresponding Penalties

Parking Violation	Original fine	Penalty #1	Penalty #2
Meter	\$45	\$10 (\$55 total)	\$35 (\$90 total)
Non-Meter	\$65	\$10 (\$75 total)	\$25 (\$100 total)
Streetcar	\$100	\$0 (\$100 total)	\$100 (\$100 total)
Fire Hydrant	\$250	\$10 (\$260 total)	\$240 (\$500 total)
Handicap	\$250	\$10 (\$260 total)	\$240 (\$500 total)

Collection Process for Unpaid Citations

Vehicle Registration Holds

The City participates in the State of Ohio's Drivers with Excess Tickets Excluding Registration ("DETER") program. Drivers with three or more unpaid citations – or one or more handicap violation citations – are eligible for registration holds from the State of Ohio. This program was established following the state-level decriminalization of parking infractions and has proven to be effective in collecting past-due parking citations. It is also effective in that it prevents drivers with a record of consistent violations from registration of a vehicle in the State of Ohio. Research has indicated that drivers with a background of multiple parking violations are at an increased risk of elevated driving violations such as accidents down the line.² DETER is one of the main collection processes for Ohio cities.

3rd Party Collections / Managed Receivables (MR) program

Citations not paid after 90 days become eligible for submission to the City of Cincinnati's managed receivable (MR) program, currently administered by a third-party vendor. Once part of the MR program, the collection agency can use all resources available by law to facilitate the payment of unpaid citations on behalf of the City. This collections process supplements the DETER program for citations issued to Ohio registered owners.

Towing for Parking Citations

Cincinnati does not have a proactive towing program for *unpaid* citations. However, the City of Cincinnati *is* empowered to tow vehicles for unpaid citations in the circumstance a driver has *three or more verified unpaid parking*; this threshold has been in place for years.

² *Identification and screening of key traffic violations: based on the perspective of expressing driver's accident risk' [2023]; International Journal of Injury Control and Safety Promotion*

If vehicles are found via routine patrol wherein the parking violation constitutes a critical safety concern, they are considered tow-eligible and may be pursued regardless of prior parking infractions incurred. Such parking infractions include but are not limited to *parking in no parking areas, blocking transit routes, and other similar infractions*. All towed vehicles must pay accrued parking citations, as well as tow and storage fees, to be released from the Cincinnati Impound Lot.

Parking Amnesty Program

Amnesty programs are not standard in nature and vary from one community to the next. Municipalities may undertake parking amnesty programs from time to time in specialized situations where the late fees resulting from non-payment of the parking citation within a specified period after issuance are waived in part or in whole in exchange for payment of the unpaid citation amount. If and when these programs are conducted, the aim is to increase awareness of unpaid citations from prior years, lower the bar of entry for curing the amount owed, and ultimately encourage full repayment.

The Administration does not regularly undertake amnesty programs except when requested by Cincinnati City Council.

NEXT STEPS

2025 Parking Amnesty Program

Upon the direction and approval of a motion from City Council, the Administration could proceed with a parking amnesty program in 2025.

cc: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development

202500594

Date: April 2, 2025

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW/EEF*
Subject: **Ordinance – Honorary Street Renaming – Katt Williams Way**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

DECLARING that Reading Road at Gholson Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Katt Williams Way” in honor of Micah “Katt” Williams, and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a nationally recognized stand-up comedian, actor, and producer who has risen to fame due to his outstanding talent, hard work, and perseverance.

EESW/JRS(dbr)
Attachment
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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

JRS

EESW/EEF

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2025

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WHEREAS, Micah (“Katt”) Williams was born on September 2, 1971, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati and lived in the Avondale neighborhood, where he began performing stand-up comedy; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen, Mr. Williams moved out of his parents’ home and traveled to Florida to support himself as a street seller and began developing his comic delivery by performing his routine in cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, by 1999, Mr. Williams established himself as a stand-up comedian, performing in venues such as The Improv, The Comedy Club, The Ice House, and The Hollywood Park Casino; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams’ first acting role was in the popular television series, “NYPD Blue” in 2002 and he continued his rise to fame after appearing on “Wild ‘n Out” for numerous seasons; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Williams starred in the official music video for his “Wild ‘n Out” bandmate’s, Nick Cannon, hit single, “Gigolo”; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Williams starred in his first comedy spectacular, “Katt Williams: Live: Let a Playa Play” and his first HBO stand-up special, “The Pimp Chronicles, Part 1,” was also released in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Williams played a character named Slickback, in the movie “The Boondocks,” and Mr. Williams was given a movie/standup comedy project which he termed, “American Hustle” which was a critical hit, and it helped to establish him as a mainstream comic; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mr. Williams’ second HBO comedy special, “It’s Pimpin’ Pimpin’,” was released, and the same year, Mr. Williams played himself as a stand-up comedian in the video game, “Grand Theft Auto IV” and continued his career by creating comedy DVDs and performing, and his 2008 comedy tour was rated the best of the year by Billboard; and

WHEREAS, after a four-year break, Mr. Williams returned to stand-up comedy in 2012 with “Kattpacalypse,” his third HBO comedy special, and in 2014, he had a fourth HBO special titled, “Katt Williams: Priceless: Afterlife,” and in 2018, his stand-up special “Great America” was released on Netflix; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willaims has been featured in supporting roles in films such as “First Sunday,” “Norbit,” and “Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore,” and he is best known for his role as Money Mike in “Friday After Next”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has appeared in television shows including in several episodes of “My Wife and Kids,” he was the roastmaster of Flavor Flav’s “Comedy Central Roast,” and he is known for his role as “Katt ‘In the Hat’ Williams” on BET’s “Comic View”; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mr. Williams received a Primetime Emmy Award for ‘Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series’ for his role as “Willy” in the season two premiere of “Atlanta”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Micah (“Katt”) Williams has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and his contributions as a nationally recognized stand-up comedian, actor, and producer will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Reading Road at Gholson Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Katt Willams Way” in honor of Micah “Katt” Williams and in recognition of his contributions as a nationally recognized stand-up comedian, actor, and producer and his impact to the community.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Reading Road at Gholson Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood as “Katt Williams Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to Mr. Williams via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. 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 allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk