

EMERGENCY

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MODIFYING Chapter 507, “One-Way Streets,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 507-4, “Contra-Flow and Limited Access Lanes,” and by **AMENDING** Section 507-1, “One-Way Streets and Alleys,” to allow for the City Manager to designate lanes on two-way streets as limited to specific vehicles so as to provide for Complete Streets in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ordinance No. 363-2022 thereby establishing a Complete Streets policy for the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, applying Complete Streets principles to the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadways can enhance multimodal access for users of various forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, enhancing multimodal transportation access is essential to connecting Cincinnati’s neighborhoods on an equitable basis by ensuring those neighborhoods with the greatest need for alternative forms of transportation are served; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Complete Street complements the City’s “Vision Zero” program, which aims to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries, and is in accordance with the priority action area to “[c]ontinue to invest in Complete Streets to improve connectivity between neighborhoods” as described on page 119 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2023); and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Municipal Code only contemplates one-way or two-way streets for all vehicles and users of the City’s right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets encompasses additional traffic patterns, including contra-flow lanes, limited access lanes, and other creative transportation designs, which the City Administration is limited by under the current Cincinnati Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, having the authority to approve the change in use of streets, shall have oversight of the designation of contra-flow lanes, limited access lanes, and other configurations of the flow of traffic for lane designation; and

WHEREAS, Council considers the conversion of the portion of City streets to allow for creative traffic slow situations to be in the best interests of the City and the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new Section 507-4, “Contra-Flow and Limited Access Lanes,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby ordained to read as follows:

Sec. 507-4. Contra-Flow and Limited Access Lanes

The city manager may determine and designate streets, parts of streets, or specific lanes thereon upon which general public motor vehicular traffic shall proceed in one (1) direction only, and bicycle traffic, public transit traffic, or other traffic other than general public motor vehicles may flow counter to the one-way direction. Additionally, the city manager may erect signs and road striping designating lanes to be used by different types of traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the center line of the roadway. The city manager shall place and maintain appropriate markings, signs, barriers, or other devices to give notice thereof.

Section 2. That existing Section 507-1, "One-Way Streets and Alleys," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 507-1. - One-Way Streets and Alleys.

Except as otherwise provided in this section and the sections hereunder, all streets and alleys having a roadway width of 16 feet or more shall be two-way streets. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 507-3 and 507-4, all streets and alleys having a roadway width of less than 16 feet whose general direction is east and west shall be one-way west, and all such streets and alleys whose general direction is north and south shall be one-way north. All one-way roadways 16 feet or more in width shall be designated by suitable direction signs at each intersection. One-way streets and alleys less than 16 feet in width shall be provided with direction signs where their direction varies from the general direction for one-way streets and alleys. The streets and alleys specified in this chapter shall be one-way streets in the direction indicated.

No person shall operate a vehicle on a one-way street or alley except in the direction indicated therefor.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions and intent of this ordinance, including the fabrication and installation of street signage in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's policies and procedures.

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 commence with the process to establish contra-flow and limited access

lanes in the City so that the residents of Cincinnati can receive the benefit of Complete Streets at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.