



Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

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MOTION

Housing & Transportation

WE MOVE that, the Administration work with the Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation (MWCDC), the Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MWCURC), and the Mt. Washington Community Council (MWCC) to implement an Urban Parking Overlay in the Mount Washington neighborhood in the spirit of the attached map in Exhibit A proposed by MWCDC.

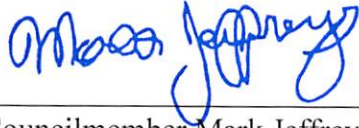
STATEMENT

An Urban Parking Overlay is a zoning overlay that removes parking requirements from the zoning code within that overlay. Parking requirements—generally speaking—require most housing developments and small businesses to provide a certain number of parking spaces corresponding to their housing development/business. Parking requirements are one example of how cities across the United States have actively promoted and prioritized cars over people. Mt. Washington is doing a commendable job reversing this trend and revitalizing their business district and neighborhood towards a walkable, multi-modal future. For example, MWCDC would like to renovate a historic building in their business district; unfortunately, the current parking requirements inhibit this building from being redeveloped into its highest and best use. By implementing an Urban Parking Overlay in Mt. Washington, the City will buttress Mt. Washington's efforts to continue to grow and thrive as a community.

The City of Cincinnati has already implemented two Urban Parking Overlay Districts: District #1 covers Downtown, Over-the-Rhine, Pendleton, and parts of Mt. Auburn and West End, and District #2 covers a large portion of Camp Washington. These two districts were approved on September 19, 2019 and June 23, 2021 respectively.

The Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation (CDC) reached out to Councilmember Jeffreys's and Councilmember Harris's offices in February of 2022 to discuss the possibility of implementing an Urban Parking Overlay in their neighborhood. The MWCDC then furnished the map displayed in Exhibit A and engaged with the MWCC as well as the

MWCURC. All three organizations have expressed their support for this initiative, with corresponding letters of support attached as Exhibit B to this motion.

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