

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

An Ordinance No. 196

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AMENDING Section 1, "Department of City Planning," and Section 2, "Duties of the Director of the Department of City Planning," of Article XXV, "Department of City Planning," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati to establish the department's operational role as the primary facilitator of community engagement activities in connection with city planning, land use, and development-related matters.

WHEREAS, modifying the description of the duties of the Department of City Planning to include the department's role as the primary facilitator of community engagement activities in connection with city planning, land use, and development-related matters is necessary to align with the City's existing administrative needs and to enhance public engagement of community stakeholders; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, with three-fourths of its members concurring:

Section 1. That Section 1, "Department of City Planning," and Section 2, "Duties of the Director of the Department of City Planning," of Article XXV, "Department of City Planning," of the Administrative Code, are hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE XXV. – DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT**

**Sec 1. – Department of City Planning and Engagement.**

There is hereby established a department of city planning and engagement to be administered by a director of the department of city planning and engagement, who shall be appointed by and subject to the supervision and control of the city manager. The city planning commission shall advise the city manager on the appointment and removal of the director of the department of city planning and engagement. The department of city planning and engagement shall consist of the director of the department of city planning and engagement and other supporting officers and employees appointed or assigned to serve under the direction and supervision of the director.

**Sec 2. – Duties of the Director of the Department of City Planning and Engagement.**

The director of the department of city planning and engagement shall direct the urban planning function of the city of Cincinnati; shall advise the council and the city manager on matters affecting the physical improvement and development of the city; shall

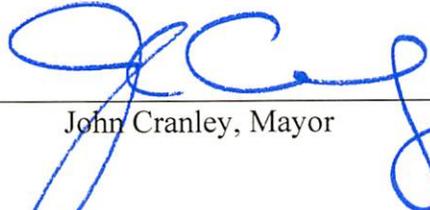
provide professional services and guidance to the city planning commission as necessary to assist it in the performance of all duties and responsibilities conferred upon it by the charter; shall work in cooperation with the office of the urban conservator to recommend and effectuate the designation of historic assets and historic districts; develop the city's comprehensive plan, neighborhood plans, and other plans and oversee their implementation; develop and recommend amendments to the city's official zoning map, zoning regulations, and other land use regulations; serve as the city's liaison to, and primary facilitator for community engagement of~~to~~, community councils, citizens, and businesses on all city planning, ~~and~~ land use, and development-related matters; and shall perform other duties assigned by the city manager or by ordinance of council. The director shall submit to the city planning commission for review an annual department work program, which shall guide the work of the department and the commission for the year ahead within the budget recommended by the commission and approved by the council.

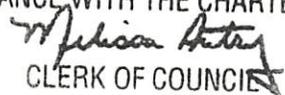
Section 2. That existing Sections 1 and 2 of Article XXV of the Administrative Code, "Department of City Planning," are hereby repealed.

Section 3. 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 establish the Department of City Planning and Engagement's operational role as the primary facilitator of community engagement activities in connection with city planning, land use, and development-related matters in order to align with the City's existing administrative needs.

Passed: May 26, 2021

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 196-2021  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 6-8-2021  
  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

New language is underscored. Deleted language is struck through.