

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 31

- 2026

APPROVING the continued operations of the existing designated outdoor refreshment area in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, known as the “DORA at the Banks,” for an additional five years pursuant to Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, “Outdoor Refreshment Areas.”

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 4301.82, authorizes municipal corporations, upon application by their executive officers, to designate certain areas within their borders as designated outdoor refreshment areas (“DORAs”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this state authorization, Council enacted Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”), “Outdoor Refreshment Areas,” to provide for the creation of DORAs within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 44-2021, passed on February 10, 2021 (the “DORA at the Banks Ordinance”), Council (i) approved an application for the creation of a designated outdoor refreshment area in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, which application was submitted by the City Manager pursuant to R.C. Section 4301.82 and CMC Chapter 838, and (ii) authorized the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to provide for the operation and maintenance of the designated outdoor refreshment area known as the “DORA at the Banks”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. Section 4301.82(I)(1), CMC Section 838-05(B), and Section 10 of the DORA at the Banks Ordinance, Council has reviewed the operations of the DORA at the Banks and has determined to permit its continued operation for an additional five years, under the same requirements as originally created and established by the DORA at the Banks Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation and management of the DORA at the Banks is in the interests of the City and the health, safety, and public welfare of its residents and is in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal, state, and local laws and requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati:

Section 1. That in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 4301.82 and Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 838-03, Council, having reviewed the operations of the existing designated outdoor refreshment area in the Central Business District known as the “DORA at the Banks” for the last five years after the DORA at the Banks was created, hereby approves the continued operations of the DORA at the Banks for an additional five years from the

effective date of this Ordinance, under the same terms, rules, and regulations as originally established by Council under Ordinance No. 44-2021, passed on February 10, 2021.

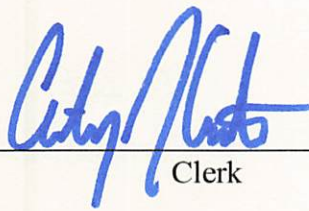
Section 2. That, pursuant to CMC Section 838-05(B) and R.C. Section 4301.82(I)(2), following the effective date of this Ordinance, Council shall review the operations of the DORA at the Banks to determine whether to permit its continued operation, under either the same or modified requirements, or whether to dissolve it, subject to the review and approval process set forth in CMC Section 838-05 and R.C. Section 4301.82.

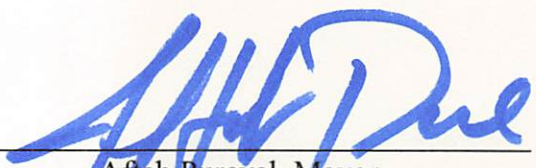
Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed forthwith to provide notice of this approval of the continued operation of the DORA at the Banks, as required by R.C. Section 4301.82(I)(1), to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and the Investigative Unit of the Department of Public Safety.

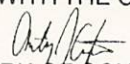
Section 4. That Council authorizes the proper City officials to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the terms of this ordinance.

Section 5. 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 ensure the continuous and uninterrupted operation of the DORA at the Banks.

Passed: February 4, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 31-2026
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 2/17/2026

CLERK OF COUNCIL