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An Ordinance No. 241 - 2022

APPROVING the application for the creation of a community entertainment district in the Mt. Washington neighborhood to be known as the “Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District,” pursuant to Chapter 834, “Entertainment Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 4301.80 authorizes municipal corporations to designate areas within their respective boundaries as community entertainment districts, and Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Chapter 834 authorizes the designation of community entertainment districts within the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (collectively, “Applicants”) have submitted a complete application requesting designation of a new community entertainment district in the Mt. Washington neighborhood to be known as the “Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District” (“Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicants seek to promote and encourage the ongoing redevelopment of the Mt. Washington neighborhood and particularly the Mt. Washington Neighborhood Business District by attracting new businesses, supporting existing businesses, and by creating a vibrant destination with a variety of dining and retail establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Applicants, with the support of the Mt. Washington community, have indicated that establishing a community entertainment district is necessary to assist in the redevelopment of the neighborhood and the Mt. Washington Neighborhood Business District; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for the Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District contains a mix of retail space, restaurants, bars, nonprofit space, and a portion of City-owned Stanbery Park; and

WHEREAS, designating the area as a community entertainment district will reduce cost barriers for small businesses, create a more business-friendly environment, and promote new development in the Mt. Washington neighborhood, all of which will enhance the livelihood of the neighborhood and attract new residents and visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization, included in the Application a request to reduce the application fee to \$1,500.00, which the City Manager granted upon finding that the intent of the Application meets the fee reduction criteria set forth in CMC Section 834-02(b)(8); and

WHEREAS, notice of the Application was published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, notifying the public that the Application was available for inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council during regular business hours and providing the date and time of the public hearing on the Application; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council have determined that designating the Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District as a community entertainment district is in accordance with the provisions of both ORC Section 4301.80 and CMC Chapter 834, and that it is in the public interest to approve the Application to establish the Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District is in furtherance of the first guiding geographic principle of Plan Cincinnati (2012), to “[f]ocus revitalization on existing centers of activity,” as described on pages 86 to 91 of the plan; now, therefore,

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

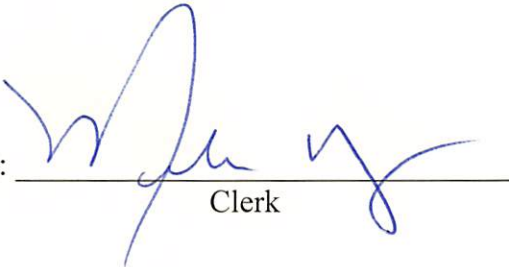
Section 1. That, pursuant to Chapter 834 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, and on finding that it will substantially contribute to entertainment, retail, educational, sporting, social, cultural, and arts opportunities in the Mt. Washington neighborhood, the Council hereby approves the application for the creation of a community entertainment district in the Mt. Washington neighborhood to be known as the “Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District,” which application is on file with the Clerk of Council.

Section 2. That the Council hereby designates the approximately 112.7-acre area shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as a community entertainment district to be known as the “Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District,” which area contains properties whose current addresses and current ownership information are listed in the attached Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

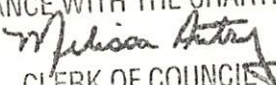
Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the terms of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

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 establish the Mt. Washington Community Entertainment District so that the City, Mt. Washington stakeholders, and the public may enjoy the corresponding benefits at the earliest possible date.

Passed: August 3, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 2101-2022
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 8-16-2022

CLERK OF COUNCIL