

## **EMERGENCY**

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**- 2024**

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

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) 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 Sayler Park Village Council, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (collectively, the “Applicants”) have submitted a complete application requesting designation of a new community entertainment district in the Sayler Park neighborhood to be known as the “Sayler Park Community Entertainment District” (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicants seek to promote and encourage the ongoing redevelopment of the Sayler Park neighborhood by attracting new businesses, supporting existing businesses, and creating a vibrant destination with a variety of dining and retail establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Applicants, with the support of the Sayler Park community, have indicated that establishing a community entertainment district is necessary to assist in the redevelopment of the Sayler Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for the Sayler Park Community Entertainment District contains or will contain a mix of retail space, restaurants, bars, nonprofit space, and City-owned Sayler 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 Sayler Park neighborhood, all of which will enhance the livelihood of the neighborhood and attract new residents and visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, a nonprofit organization, included in the Application a request to reduce the application fee to \$1,500, 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 Council have determined that designating the Sayler Park Community Entertainment District as a community entertainment district is in accordance with the provisions of both R.C. Section 4301.80 and CMC Chapter 834, and that it is in the public interest to approve the Application to establish the Sayler Park Community Entertainment District; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Sayler Park 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 Section 4301.80 of the Ohio Revised Code and 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 Sayler Park neighborhood, Council hereby approves the application for the creation of a community entertainment district in the Sayler Park neighborhood to be known as the “Sayler Park Community Entertainment District,” which application is on file with the Clerk of Council (the “Application”).

Section 2. That Council hereby designates the approximately 66-acre area shown on the map attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference, as a community entertainment district to be known as the “Sayler Park Community Entertainment District,” which map contains sufficient detail to identify the boundaries of the district and the property owned by the applicants that filed the Application, and which boundary is further listed in the street listing attached hereto as Attachment 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 Sayler Park Community Entertainment District so that the City,

Sayler Park stakeholders, and the public may enjoy the corresponding benefits at the earliest possible date.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk