

**October 23, 2024**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE  
NECESSITY OF THE PACE ASSESSMENT PROJECT FOR 118 W.  
9<sup>th</sup> STREET**

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Attached is an Emergency Legislative Resolution captioned:

**DECLARING** by legislative resolution the necessity of the special assessment project at 118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio; **APPROVING** a petition for special assessments relating to the special assessment project at 118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority relating to the special assessment project at 118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3706.051.

### **BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS**

The Ohio PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program allows commercial property owners to opt into a special assessment added to the property tax bill to access long-term, fixed-rate financing for energy efficiency upgrades. 118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> ST, LLC, has requested a special assessment be levied on their property to access PACE financing for energy efficiency upgrades to their commercial redevelopment project.

Under new authority granted to the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority by the State Legislature, PACE special assessments may now be levied on a property by the City without the involvement of the City's Energy Special Improvement District. The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority may directly utilize revenues generated by the special assessments to secure bonds used to finance PACE-eligible improvements.

### **DEVELOPER INFORMATION**

The development entity for this project is 118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> ST, LLC, owned by Sheri Scott. She is the founder and principal architect at Springhouse Architects and Springhouse Structures, where she has over 25 years of experience in residential architecture.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project will include the renovation of a former religious facility into a 15,024 square foot event space in the Downtown neighborhood. The PACE-eligible improvements to the property will include upgrades to the roof, building envelope, HVAC, and electrical systems. The total cost of the PACE-eligible improvements is \$810,000 plus ten percent.

**PROPOSED INCENTIVE**

DCED recommends that the City levy special assessments on the property. This will allow the developer to access financing for energy efficiency upgrades to the building.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends approval of this emergency legislative resolution.

cc: Markiea Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development

**Attachment A: Location and Site Rendering**

*118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Location*



*118 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Picture*

