



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final-revised

### Major Projects & Smart Government

*Chairperson Greg Landsman  
Councilmember Chris Seelbach  
Councilmember David Mann  
Councilmember Wendell Young  
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney*

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Tuesday, August 31, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Special Hearing on Emergency Rental Assistance

Community Action Agency

Hamilton County Job and Family Services

Legal Aid

The Help Center

The Apartment Association

City of Cincinnati "Access to Justice" Pilot Program

Strategies to End Homelessness

## AGENDA

1. [202102322](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/23/2021, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VII, "Business Regulations" of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 811, "e-Scooter Rental Franchises," and **AMENDING** Section 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish e-scooter rental franchises for the rental of e-scooters in the City of Cincinnati.

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

### Items Added to be Filed/Sunset

2. [202000415](#) **ORDINANCE**, dated 3/11/2020, submitted by Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 1101, "Administration," of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 1101-39, "Special Professional Services," to require special inspections of the shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process in order to promote the safety of construction sites and the safety of construction workers present on those sites.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)
3. [201901805](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, dated 12/11/2019, submitted by Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager, MODIFYING the salary range schedule for the classification of Senior Crime Analyst by repealing existing Section 372 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for said classification.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)
4. [201901804](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, dated 12/11/2019, submitted by Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager, MODIFYING the salary range schedule for the classification of Crime Analyst by repealing existing Section 373 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for said classification.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. [202102668](#) **PRESENTATION** dated 8/31/2021, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, regarding the Emergency Rent and Utilities Program.
- Sponsors:** Landsman
- Attachments:** [Presentation](#)
6. [202102669](#) **FYI MEMO** dated 8/31/2021, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, from Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding the "Access to Justice" Pilot Program to prevent residential eviction.
- Sponsors:** Landsman
- Attachments:** [FYI Memo](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Date: June 23, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**202102322**

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – E-SCOOTERS FRANCHISE REGULATIONS

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING the provisions of Title VII, “Business Regulations” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by ORDAINING new Chapter 811, “e-Scooter Rental Franchises,” and AMENDING Section 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses,” of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish e-scooter rental franchises for the rental of e-scooters in the City of Cincinnati.

The City Administration is working to enhance and codify the use of publicly shared electronic scooters, (e-scooters), in the City of Cincinnati. The recent passage of Ohio House Bill 295 and the subsequent update to Ohio Revised Code Section 4511 allows for e-scooters to operate and park within the City’s right-of-way subject to City regulations and prohibitions.

The reason for the emergency is to create the requisite governance in a timely manner to ensure the safe operation of low-speed micro-mobility devices and e-scooters that are presently operating within the City. The ordinance will establish provisions for awarding e-scooter rental franchises, set franchise fee requirements, and codify management and operations for this new transit sharing system.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2021

**MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VII, "Business Regulations" of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 811, "e-Scooter Rental Franchises," and **AMENDING** Section 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish e-scooter rental franchises for the rental of e-scooters in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the City established a pilot program for shared active transportation in the City, which included agreements with Bird and Lime allowing for the operation of low-speed micromobility devices, otherwise known as electronic scooters or e-scooters ("e-scooters"); and

WHEREAS, the City issued a request for proposals for consideration of a permanent program for the rental of e-scooters in the City, and the Administration reviewed proposals and is in the process of finalizing agreements with those vendors who will be most advantageous to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed House Bill 295, codified in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4511, allowing for e-scooters to operate and park in the City's right-of-way subject to regulations and prohibitions established by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a significant interest in protecting the safety and welfare of the pedestrian public and preventing City streets and rights of way from being flooded by e-scooters or rented without proper safeguards to account for the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a e-scooter rental franchise program will encourage e-scooter rental companies to regulate their own riders and operators and further provide resources for the repair and maintenance of the City's roads and rights-of-way where such e-scooters operate; and

WHEREAS, by providing for a limited number of franchises, the City intends to prevent the cluttering of City streets, sidewalks, and other rights-of-way by e-scooter rental companies and provide an effective means to regulate and oversee the regulations of e-scooter rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accordingly wishes to establish regulations for e-scooter scooter rental companies that operate within the City of Cincinnati in order to provide for the safety, security, and welfare of the public and the City's infrastructure assets; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Title VII, “Business Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby modified by enacting new Chapter 811, “e-Scooter Rental Franchises,” to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 811. e-SCOOTER RENTAL FRANCHISES.**

**Sec. 811-01. – Applicability.**

- (a) e-Scooter shall have the same meaning as defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 501-1-E3, “e-Scooter.”
- (b) This chapter applies to any person engaged in the business of providing e-scooter rental or sharing services to the public within the city.
- (c) The requirements of this chapter shall supplement the provisions of Title V, “Traffic Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.
- (d) No person shall engage in the business of e-scooter rental or sharing services to the public within the city unless that person has obtained a franchise from the city to engage in such a business.
- (e) No person shall obtain a franchise from the city until that person has complied with the following:
  - (1) Submitted a timely and complete application for a franchise or timely and complete response to a request for proposals conducted by the city;
  - (2) Paid the application fee established by the city manager, if applicable;
  - (3) Posted a bond and obtained the insurance required by Sec. 811-07; and
  - (4) Executed a franchise agreement with the city for the provision of e-scooter rental or sharing services.

**Sec. 811-03. - General Provisions.**

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to commence or engage in the business of providing e-scooter rental or sharing services within the city without first obtaining a franchise and entering into a franchise agreement with the city.
- (b) Each franchisee shall comply with all laws of the city of Cincinnati, the state of Ohio, and the federal government. Each franchisee shall obtain and maintain all applicable licenses and permits required by federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and orders of regulatory bodies.

- (c) Each franchisee shall comply with all rules and regulations established by the city manager or his or her designee for the safe and effective administration, operation, and enforcement of the e-scooter rental and sharing services pursuant to Sec. 811-09.
- (d) A franchisee shall not be relieved of the obligation to comply with all requirements of this chapter and the franchise agreement by failure of the city to enforce compliance with such requirements.
- (e) The city reserves its right to grant franchises and similar rights to more than one (1) person.
- (f) Each franchisee shall identify and mark each of its e-scooters located within the city with the franchisee's name so that they are easily identifiable.
- (g) A franchisee providing e-scooter rental or sharing services is not and shall not be deemed to be an agent or employee of the city. A franchisee shall be solely responsible for any losses or damages of any kind arising from its performance or nonperformance under its franchise. A franchisee shall indemnify, defend, and hold the city harmless against any and all claims and suits brought against the city resulting from the franchisee's performance or nonperformance under the franchise agreement.
- (h) The execution of the franchise agreement and the issuance of a franchise, and the renewal thereof, is at the sole discretion of the city manager and shall not be construed as creating any vested rights in the franchisee. Each franchise is revocable in accordance with the terms of this chapter and the terms of the franchise agreement.
- (i) A franchise may not be assigned or transferred to another person.
- (j) A franchise authorizes a franchisee to provide e-scooter rental or sharing services within the city.
- (k) All of the franchisee's equipment, including e-scooters and other vehicles used in connection with e-scooter rental or sharing services, shall be subject at all times to inspection by the city, and the city manager or his or her designee may require the cleaning, repair, replacement, or retirement of any equipment, including e-scooters and other vehicles used in connection with e-scooter or sharing services.

**Sec. 811-05. – Award of e-Scooter Franchisees.**

- (a) Any person wishing to obtain a franchise to engage in the business of providing e-scooter rental or sharing services within the city shall submit an application to the city manager in compliance with the process established for awarding franchises.

- (b) Where appropriate, the city manager may choose to conduct a request for services pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-1-R6 to solicit qualified franchisees in lieu of an application process.
- (c) An applicant for a franchise shall provide the city with satisfactory evidence demonstrating that:
  - (1) The applicant has the experience, personnel, equipment, and other resources to provide e-scooter rental or sharing services in the city and the management of such; and
  - (2) The applicant has the capacity and willingness to comply with all local, state, and federal laws, and all rules and regulations of the city for the rental, sharing, and operation of rental e-scooters.
- (d) Applicants for a new franchise and applicants for the renewal of an existing franchise shall provide information requested by the city manager and other relevant information. The application and supporting materials shall be submitted under oath. At a minimum, the application shall include the following information:
  - (1) The name and mailing address of the applicant; contact information for the applicant's designated representative; the name of the person to be granted the franchise; if the applicant is a corporation, the names of the corporation's principal officers; the names of the local operating managers who will be responsible for the rental or sharing services for the applicant, together with the business address and telephone number of each manager;
  - (2) If the applicant is a corporation, proof that the corporation is in good standing in the state of Ohio and, if the applicant is not an Ohio corporation, proof that the applicant is authorized to do business in the State of Ohio. If the applicant is operating under a fictitious name, the applicant shall be required to submit information that such fictitious name is registered and held by the applicant;
  - (3) A statement of whether the applicant operates or has operated an e-scooter rental or sharing business in Ohio or any other state or territory. If the applicant has provided or is providing e-scooter rental or sharing services, the applicant shall describe all cases where and when it provided such services (but not more than ten (10) communities), and whether any of the applicant's permits, approvals, or licenses to provide such services have ever been revoked or suspended within the last five (5) years;
  - (4) A complete record of all felony convictions, and all misdemeanor convictions within the last five (5) years, involving the applicant's e-scooter rental and sharing services. If the applicant is not an individual, the applicant also shall provide the complete record of such convictions for any person who is an officer, majority shareholder, or partner in the applicant, and any person having a controlling interest in the applicant;

- (5) A complete record of all civil penalties and liquidated damages in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) assessed against the applicant by local, state, and federal governmental entities within the last five (5) years involving the e-scooter rentals or sharing services;
  - (6) The types of e-scooters or other vehicles which the applicant has in its inventory and their capabilities, including any e-scooters that are adapted to expand access for people with physical limitations;
  - (7) A list of the e-scooters, vehicles, equipment, and containers that will be used by the applicant to provide e-scooter rental or sharing services. At a minimum, the list shall identify the make, model, and year of each e-scooter or vehicle. The city manager may inspect any of the e-scooters, vehicles, equipment, and containers identified by the applicant and thereby determine whether the applicant possesses the e-scooters, vehicles, equipment, and containers that are capable of providing safe and efficient e-scooter rental and sharing services in compliance with this chapter; and
  - (8) A chart identifying the maximum rates that the applicant charges customers for various types of e-scooter rental or sharing services.
- (e) When applicable, each applicant shall submit a nonrefundable application fee to the city in the amount established by the city manager. The application fee is due and payable when the application is submitted. This fee shall not apply to responses to a request for services.
  - (f) New applications must be submitted to the city manager at least sixty (60) days before the applicant wishes to begin providing e-scooter rental or sharing services. Renewal applications must be submitted to the city manager at least thirty (30) days before the applicant's existing franchise expires.
  - (g) A franchise for e-scooter rental or sharing services may be granted to a person when the city manager concludes that the applicant has satisfied the requirements in this chapter. This includes successfully responding to the request for services or completing the application and the city rating the person's proposal or application as most advantageous.
  - (h) The city manager retains the sole discretion to approve or deny an application. Among others, an application for a franchise for e-scooter rental or sharing services may be denied for the following reasons:
    - (1) The applicant has not submitted a complete application with all of the required supporting documents or paid the application fee;
    - (2) The applicant has submitted false or materially misleading statements in the application;
    - (3) The applicant or a partner, director, or officer of the applicant has been convicted of a felony within the past five (5) years, or has been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past three (3) years, involving provision of scooter rental or sharing services;

- (4) The applicant has failed to satisfy one or more of the requirements of this chapter or the Cincinnati Municipal Code;
- (5) Any reason that would justify the suspension or revocation of a franchise, as described in Sec. 811-11; and
- (6) The addition of further franchises would exceed either the total number of allowable e-scooters in the city or the number of franchises determined by the city manager to be needed by the city.

**Sec. 811-07. - Requirement to Execute a Franchise Agreement with the City; Payment of Franchise Fees.**

- (a) Each applicant awarded a franchise for e-scooter rental or sharing services shall execute a franchise agreement, including all required attachments, in the form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.
- (b) In connection with the execution of a franchise agreement, each franchisee shall submit the required franchise fees and documentation to the city, including but not limited to the following:
  - (1) An annual fee of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the administrative costs of oversight of the franchise, which fee shall be due and payable on the commencement date of the franchise and on each anniversary of the commencement date during the term of the franchise agreement.
  - (2) Monthly franchise fees as compensation for the rights and benefits granted by the franchise, including but not limited to the right to operate an e-scooter rental or sharing business in the city. The franchise fee shall be equal to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per trip or activation of an e-scooter (which shall equal the total number of trips or activations of an e-scooter within a calendar month multiplied by \$0.25) for each e-scooter maintained by the franchisee within the city. A trip shall mean anytime a person activates or uses the e-scooter and pays a fee for such use. The franchisee shall submit its monthly franchise fee payments to the city no later than five business days after the end of each month.
  - (3) A statement of the franchisee's total number of trips in the city that accompanies each monthly franchisee fee payment, which statement shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee. The statement shall include the number of e-scooters deployed or available in the city and the amount of trips and fees per day for each e-scooter. Statements and remittances shall be accepted as timely if postmarked within five days after the end of the month; if the fifth day falls upon a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holiday, statements and remittances shall be accepted as timely if postmarked on the next business day. Payments not received by the due date shall be assessed (1) an administrative fee to reimburse the city for the reasonable administrative costs associated with collecting such monies; and (2) interest for each day of delinquency at the rate of eighteen (18) percent per annum or the maximum allowed by law, whichever is less, for each day of delinquency, until

the total unpaid amount due and owing is paid in full. The administrative fee shall be equal to six (6) percent of the amount owed by the franchisee to the city or fifteen dollars (\$15.00), whichever is greater.

- (4) An annual report concerning the franchisee's total trips for the year. This annual report shall be examined by an independent reviewer, who shall confirm that the franchisee's computations concerning trips and franchise fees were performed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. The report of the reviewer shall state that its examination of the franchisee's records was performed in accordance with professional standards. Each franchisee shall notify the city of the date its fiscal year ends. Each franchisee shall file the auditor's report with the city within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the franchisee's fiscal year. Franchisee shall be solely responsible for retaining the independent auditor and paying for his or her services.
- (5) A certificate evidencing insurance coverage for the following types of insurance coverage and specified limits of coverage is in effect for the same term as the franchise agreement, and naming the city as an additional insured (except with regard to the workers compensation and employers liability insurances), issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Ohio, acceptable to the city, and as required and set forth in greater specificity in the franchise agreement:
  - (a) Comprehensive general liability insurance with a limit of a one million dollar (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and a two million dollar (\$2,000,000) general aggregate. This policy must include the following coverages: premises and operations liability, independent contractors, products and completed operations, personal injury, contractual liability, and fire damage;
  - (b) Automotive liability insurance coverage providing a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. This policy must include the following coverages: bodily injury and property damage including premises and operations;
  - (c) Workers compensation insurance shall be provided for all of franchisee's employees as required under Ohio law; and
  - (d) Employer's liability insurance providing a single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), bodily injury by each accident, and providing a single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), bodily injury disease per each employee, and providing a single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury by disease policy limit.
- (6) A bond in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the franchisee's gross revenues for the quarter immediately preceding the execution date of the franchise agreement. For franchisees who did not hold a franchise in the quarter immediately preceding the execution date of the franchise agreement, the bond shall be in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The bond shall conform with the requirements of CMC Chapter 304.

- (a) All amounts paid by the franchisee shall be subject to confirmation and re-computation by the city. An acceptance of payment shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid is the correct amount, nor shall acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim the city may have for further or additional sums payable.
- (b) Billing methods that have the effect of reducing or avoiding the payment of franchise fees are prohibited and will be cause for termination of the franchise. Any person who uses false, misleading, or fraudulent billing methods for the purpose of reducing or avoiding the payment of franchise fees may be subject to the penalties provided by this chapter.
- (c) Payment of the franchise fee shall not exempt the franchisee from the payment of any other fee, tax, or charge on the business, occupation, property, or income of the franchisee that may be imposed by the city, the county, the state, or the federal government.
- (d) The franchisee shall notify the city in writing by registered or certified mail thirty (30) days in advance of any cancellation, intent not to renew, or any other changes in the insurance coverage required by this section. Upon the cancellation or lapse of any policy of insurance required by this chapter or the franchise agreement, the franchisee's license to operate as a franchisee in the city under its franchise agreement shall be deemed to be immediately revoked unless, before the expiration date of the policy of insurance, another policy of insurance containing all the requirements of the original policy of insurance is obtained and a new certificate is provided to the city.
- (e) The bond required by this section shall be used to insure the franchisee's performance under this chapter and the franchise agreement. Among other things, the bond shall be used to ensure the franchisee's payment of franchise fees and other sums that are due and owing to the city. The bond shall also be used to indemnify the city from any damages that may be suffered by the city in any manner as a result of the city's award of a franchise to the applicant, including but not limited to damages resulting from the franchisee's performance or nonperformance of the conditions and requirements of the franchise agreement, the franchisee's use of the city's streets, the failure of the franchisee to conform with applicable laws, and any negligent, reckless or intentional wrongful act or omission of the franchisee or the franchisee's employees, agents, officers, or representatives. The bond shall be kept in full force at all times during the term of the franchise. The bond shall be released by the city within one year following the expiration or termination of the franchise agreement.
- (f) A franchisee's failure to remit fees and documentation required by this chapter shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the franchise.
- (g) The city may seek judicial relief to recover all fees, costs, and interest due and owing by a franchisee. The franchisee shall pay the city's court costs, reasonable attorney fees, accounting and auditing costs, and other collection costs incurred by the city as a result of franchisee's failure to remit the fees and documentation required by this chapter and the franchise agreement.

**Sec. 811-09. – Rules and Regulations for Franchisee Operations.**

- (a) The city manager or his or her designee is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the safe and effective administration, operation, and enforcement of the e-scooter rental and sharing services program. The regulations may include but are not limited to the following categories:
- (1) Required notices and information to be provided to e-scooter renters and users;
  - (2) Required management and enforcement tools so the city and franchisees may effectively control, monitor, and manage rented e-scooters;
  - (3) Required maintenance obligations and abatement obligations regarding retrieval of e-scooters which are determined by the city to be in disrepair, in need of service, or located outside of permissible areas of operation;
  - (4) Identification requirements to ensure rented e-scooters are identifiable and ensure the payment of fees and costs associated with such rentals;
  - (5) Restrictions on parking in the city right-of-way;
  - (6) Environmental concerns and regulations based on the weather;
  - (7) Rider education and public health concerns regarding safety;
  - (8) Restrictions on fleet size or the number of shared or rentable e-scooters owned or operated by a franchisee;
  - (9) Allowances for accessibility e-scooters or similar devices which are intended to allow those persons with physical limitations access to similar rentable devices;
  - (10) Curfew restrictions and boundaries for permanent and temporary restricted areas of operation; and
  - (11) All regulations necessary for the safe and effective management and control of e-scooters in the city's streets, paths, roads, rights-of-way, and other public grounds.
- (b) The rules and regulations established pursuant to this section shall promote the safe and orderly operation of e-scooters within the city, and shall promote the safety and welfare of pedestrians, residents, businesses, city staff, and right-of-way users. All e-scooter rental franchises shall agree to abide by such rules and regulations.
- (c) Each franchisee shall prepare, keep, and maintain current, accurate records demonstrating its compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the franchise agreement.

- (d) The city shall have the right to inspect and review a franchisee's records concerning its franchise. The city shall provide fifteen (15) days advance written notice of any such inspection. The city also may copy and audit the franchisee's records, at the city's expense. The records shall be readily accessible for review by the city.

**Sec. 811-11. - Suspension or Revocation of Franchise.**

- (a) The city manager may suspend or revoke a franchise and the corresponding franchise agreement if the city manager concludes that:
- (1) The franchise was issued due to a mistake of law or fact;
  - (2) The franchise was issued based upon a false statement or misrepresentation by the franchisee;
  - (3) The franchisee has violated an applicable provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, state law, or federal law;
  - (4) A necessary permit, approval, or license of the franchisee has become invalid;
  - (5) The franchisee is no longer engaged in providing e-scooter rental or sharing services in the city;
  - (6) The services and other activities authorized under the franchise are not being performed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the franchise agreement, or the application for a franchise;
  - (7) Timely and full payment of the franchise fee has not been accomplished by the franchisee in compliance with this chapter;
  - (8) The franchisee or one (1) of its principals has been convicted under a local, state, or federal law for a crime involving scooter rental or sharing services;
  - (9) The franchisee failed to provide, pay for, and maintain the coverage in accordance with the requirements of this chapter;
  - (10) The franchisee violated a requirement of this chapter or the franchise agreement;
  - (11) The franchisee failed to comply with a lawful order of the city manager or his or her designee; or
  - (12) The franchisee's actions or inactions demonstrate that the franchisee is not competent or fit to provide services to the public.

- (b) Before the city manager suspends or revokes a franchise, the city manager or his or her designee shall provide notice to the franchisee and an opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in Sec. 811-13.
- (c) A franchise that has been suspended or revoked under this chapter shall not be reinstated or reissued unless, at a minimum, the franchisee has complied with all of the requirements of this chapter, submitted a complete application, paid the application fee, executed a franchise agreement, and been approved by the city manager.
- (d) The revocation of a franchise shall automatically terminate the corresponding franchise agreement.

**Sec. 811-13. - Right to Appeal the Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a Franchise.**

- (a) Prior to the denial of an application or the suspension or revocation of a franchise, the applicant or franchisee shall be given reasonable notice of the city manager’s proposed action and shall be given an opportunity to present evidence to the city manager or his or her designee explaining why the franchise should not be denied, suspended, or revoked. The city manager shall consider any evidence presented by the applicant or franchisee that the city manager determines is relevant to the appeal before the city manager issues a final decision. Notice of the city's proposed action, and notice of the city’s final decision, shall be served upon the applicant or franchisee by certified mail.
- (b) The applicant or franchisee may appeal the city’s final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the office of administrative hearings pursuant to Chapter 1501 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within fifteen (15) days after written notice of the city manager’s decision is issued. An appeal to the office of administrative hearings shall not act as a stay of the city manager’s decision to suspend or revoke a franchise.

**Sec. 811-15. - Penalties.**

A violation of any section of this chapter shall constitute a Class D civil offense.

Section 2. That Section 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses,” of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 1501-9. - Class D Civil Offenses.**

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class D Civil Offense. If the provision is listed under paragraph (a) below, the otherwise applicable civil fine is reduced by 50% if the person charged shows in accordance with § 1501-15 that the violation has been corrected. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense is liable for the civil fine for

the subsequent offense provided below, which fine is specified in § 1501-99 and is not subject to reduction for correction of the violation.

(a) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 720-13	Private Facilities	Class E
(2)	§ 720-45	Notice of Violations	Class E
(3)	§ 720-69	Notice to Correct Drainage	Class E
(4)	Chapter 855	Rooming Houses	Class D
(5)	Chapter 895	Outdoor Advertising Signs	Class D
(6)	Chapter 1101	Administration, Cincinnati Building Code	Class E
(7)	Chapter 1106	General and Specialty Contractors	Class E
(8)	Chapter 1107	Elevator and Conveyer Equipment	Class E
(9)	Chapter 1117	Housing Code	Class E
(10)	Chapter 1119	Building Hazard Abatement Code	Class E
(11)	Chapter 1127	General Inspection Programs Code	Class E
(12)	Title XIV	Zoning Code	Class E
(13)	§ 1201-21	Maintenance	Class D
(14)	§ 1201-33	Evacuation	Class D
(15)	§ 1201-35	Spills and Leaks	Class D
(16)	Chapter 1235	Detectors, Early Fire Warning Systems	Class D
(17)	§ 1123-11(a)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to register a vacant, foreclosed property.	Class E
(18)	§ 874-07(a)	Failure to Register Residential Rental Property	Class D

(b) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Not Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 718-25	Secret Street Uses	Class E
(2)	§ 721-59	Taking Material from Streets	Class E
(3)	§ 729-71(c)(2)	Personal Property Left Abandoned on Streets and Sidewalks - 4 or more items	Class D
(4)	§ 761-14	Eviction or Retaliation by Landlord	Class E
(5)	Chapter 891	Home Improvement	Class E
(6)	§ 1201-47	Failure to Comply with Orders	Class D
(7)	§ 1219-21	Causing Fire Through Negligence	Class D
(8)	Chapter 1251	Fire Starting Apparatus	Class D
(9)	§ 759-4	Use of a Motor Vehicle to Facilitate a Drug Related Crime	Class D
(10)	Chapter 722	Management and Control of the Use of the City Right-of-Way	Class E
(11)	Chapter 730	Commercial Waste Franchises	
(12)	§ 856-25(c)	Violation of Limitations on Operators or Operation of Short Term Rentals	Class D
(13)	§ 1125-17(1)	Failure to Register a Vacant Building	Class E
(14)	§ 1601-57	Enforcement of Emergency Orders	Class D
(15)	§ 1601-59	Enforcement of Health Orders	Class D
(16)	<u>Chapter 811</u>	<u>e-Scooter Rental Franchises</u>	<u>Class D</u>

Section 3. That existing Section 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses,” of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 4. That the City Manager and the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, including by updating applicable rules and regulations and policies and procedures in accordance with the modifications to the Cincinnati Municipal Code provided for herein.

Section 5. That, notwithstanding the provisions of new Chapter 811, “e-Scooter Rental Franchises” concerning the manner in which the City Manager is authorized to solicit and award franchises, the City Manager is authorized to negotiate, finalize, and execute franchise agreements with those e-scooter rental companies whose responses to Request for Proposals (RFP729ENGSCOOTERS) the City has determined to be most advantageous to the City, provided that the franchise agreements are consistent with the provisions of new Chapter 811, “e-Scooter Rental Franchises.”

Section 6. 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 franchise regulations for e-scooter scooter rental companies who operate within the City of Cincinnati as such devices and companies are presently operating within the city, in order to immediately provide for the safety and welfare of pedestrians, residents, businesses, city staff, and right-of-way users.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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

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Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

March 11, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager  
Subject: Ordinance – Section 1101-39 CBC - Special Professional Services

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 1101, “Administration,” of Title XI, “Cincinnati Building Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 1101-39, “Special Professional Services,” to require special inspections of the shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process in order to promote the safety of construction sites and the safety of construction workers present on those sites.

The construction process relies upon the use of shoring and reshoring systems to support concrete until it hardens and becomes self-supporting. Improper shoring, reshoring, or their premature removal may contribute to construction failures and pose dangers to the construction site and the construction workers present on those sites. The Department of Buildings and Inspections through the Ohio Building Code requires permit holders to retain a qualified design professional to periodically inspect certain construction processes, but it does not require special inspections of the shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process. Approval of this ordinance will require special inspections of shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process in order to promote the safety of construction sites and the safety of construction workers on those sites.

The Administration recommends passage of the ordinance.

cc: Art Dahlberg, Director of Buildings & Inspections

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WHEREAS, the means and manner of certain construction processes rely upon the use of shoring and reshoring systems to support concrete until it hardens and becomes self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, improper shoring, reshoring, or their premature removal may contribute to construction failures that pose dangers to construction sites and the construction workers present on those sites; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Building Code ( “OBC”), which is administered by the director of the department of buildings and inspections, requires permit holders to retain a qualified design professional to periodically inspect certain construction processes, but it does not require special inspections of the shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that requiring special inspections of the shoring and reshoring of elevated concrete members during the construction process will help to ensure the safety of construction sites and the safety of construction workers present on those sites, that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare, and that it will not conflict with the provisions of the OBC; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 1101-39, “Special Professional Services,” of Chapter 1101, “Administration,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1101-39. – Special Professional Services.**

1101-39.1 General: Where applications is made for work that is subject to special inspections or tests pursuant to the OBC, unusual design or magnitude of construction are filed where required in Section 1704 or where code reference standards in OBC Appendix A OBC requires special architectural or engineering inspections and, the owner or the owner’s representative shall employ a qualified special inspector to inspect, test, and provide reports on all work subject to those special inspection or testing requirements. director of buildings and inspections may require special inspections or full-time project supervision by a registered architect or professional engineer. The Such architect, engineer, or special inspector shall supervise

the work and be responsible for its conformity with the approved plans as they relate to safety and sanitation, and shall keep daily records and submit reports as required by the director of buildings and inspections. Where the OBC building official requires fullfill-time project supervision, the installation of an automatic sprinkler system may be supervised by a person certified under Revised Code Section 3781.105 of the Revised Code in lieu of supervision by a registered architect or professional engineer.

1101-39.2 Excavation or fill field observation: Observation and testing of excavation or fill in the field shall be performed by a registered professional engineer, an architect where the excavation and fill is incident to the practice of architecture, or ~~their~~ his or her qualified designee representatives. The registered professional engineer or architect shall submit a summary report to the director of buildings and inspections upon completion of operations. The director of buildings and inspections may require any of these services to the performed by a geotechnical engineer.

Exception: Where not deemed necessary as determined by the director of buildings and inspections, in accordance with Section §-1101-19.5-CBC.

Sec. 1101-39.3 Shoring and Reshoring of Elevated Concrete Members. Where application is made for work involving the construction of elevated concrete members that is subject to special inspections or tests pursuant to the OBC, the owner or the owner’s representative shall employ a qualified special inspector to periodically inspect, test, and provide reports on all shoring and reshoring placed in connection with construction of the elevated concrete members. All special inspection and testing activity under this subsection shall conform with the OBC and supplemental special inspection procedures issued by the director to carry out the intent of this section.

Exception: This Section 1101.39.3 shall not apply to applications for work subject to regulation by the Residential Code of Ohio.

Section 2. That existing Section 1101-39, “Special Professional Services,” of Chapter 1101, “Administration,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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John Cranley, Mayor

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



# City of Cincinnati

December 4, 2019

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – MODIFYING the Salary Range for the employment classification of Senior Crime Analyst.

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Senior Crime Analyst by repealing existing Section 372 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for said classification.

The Human Resources Director has approved the request for this ordinance to modify the salary range of Senior Crime Analyst. The recommended salary range adjustment for the Senior Crime Analyst is based upon appropriate internal comparisons, market research, and an evaluation of job factors associated with scope of work; span of authority; level of financial/economic management and impact; and organizational structure.

The Administration recommends approval of this Ordinance.

cc: William M. Brown, Human Resources Director

**EMERGENCY**

**RDH**

**2019**

**MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Senior Crime Analyst by repealing existing Section 372 of Division OC, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for said classification.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Human Resources Department is recommending a modification to the current salary range for the classification of Senior Crime Analyst to enhance marketability and competitiveness in the job market; and

WHEREAS, the City's Human Resources Department conducted a market analysis to further assess the compensation range against industry trends, and the research determined that the City was below market as it relates to the position of Senior Crime Analyst and confirmed the need for adjustment of the salary range; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources has done due diligence and conducted appropriate internal comparisons to ensure that the new salary range is consistent with the scope of services and the level of responsibility of the position of Crime Analyst, with factors considered throughout the evaluation process including technical level administrative crime analysis assistance to command staff, judgment, and independent action, accountability, supervisory responsibility, technical level analysis, and data generation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources finds that the salary range requires amendment based on the level of responsibility, liability, and scope of work performed by the Senior Crime Analyst; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that adopting the new salary range for the position of Senior Crime Analyst is based upon a market analysis, and evaluation of job factors associated with the position, and a review of the Division OC-CODE salary structure to ensure competitiveness within the industry; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That existing Section 372 of Division OC, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown below:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Minimum Biweekly</b>	<b>Maximum Biweekly</b>	<b>Minimum Annual</b>	<b>Maximum Annual</b>
Senior Crime Analyst	\$2,159.56	\$2,902.27	\$56,148.69	\$75,459.14
		\$2,817.74		
		\$2,735.67		
		\$2,655.99		
		\$2,578.63		
		\$2,503.53		
		\$2,430.61		
		\$2,359.81		
		2,291.08		
		\$2,224.35		
		\$2,159.56		
Senior Crime Analyst	\$2,561.87	\$3,442.94	\$66,608.56	\$89,516.34
		\$3,342.66		
		\$3,245.30		
		\$3,150.77		
		\$3,059.00		
		\$2,969.91		
		\$2,883.40		
		\$2,799.42		
		\$2,717.89		
		\$2,638.72		
		\$2,561.87		

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 adjust the salary range of the said classification to ensure competitive retention and recruitment.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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

# City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental  
Correspondence Sheet

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The Administration recommends approval of this Ordinance.

cc: William M. Brown, Human Resources Director

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Crime Analyst	\$1,635.62	\$2,198.13	\$42,526.07	\$57,151.48
		\$2,134.11		
		\$2,071.95		
		\$2,011.60		
		\$1,953.01		
		\$1,896.13		
		\$1,840.90		
		\$1,787.28		
		\$1,735.23		
		\$1,684.69		
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		\$2,503.53		
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		\$2,359.82		
		\$2,291.09		
		\$2,224.36		
		\$2,159.57		

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Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Mayor

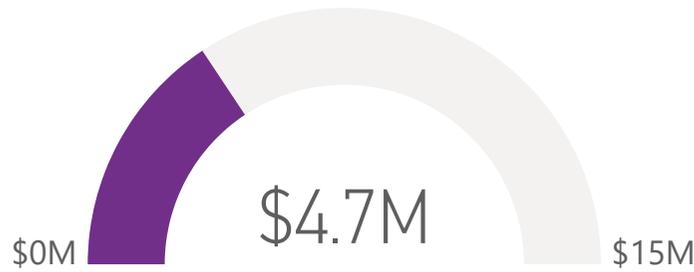
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

# HCJFS Emergency Rent and Utilities Assistance Programs - Funding Source Overview

Updated: 8/30/2021

## Emergency Rent and Utilities Program (ERAP) Funds 4/1/2021 - Present *Federal funds for immediate rent and utility relief. Details Page 2.*

Eligible Hamilton County renters, who have been financially impacted by the pandemic, can receive up to 12 months in past due rent and utilities and/or pay for three months in future rent and utilities.



Families Served

1,655

## Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Funds Ongoing *HCJFS' ongoing, flexible program to overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency. Details Page 3.*

PRC is an ongoing program to help Hamilton County families overcome immediate employment related barriers. PRC program helps with transportation to work, uniforms, tools, training, housing, and utilities. Eligible families can received up to \$3,000 one time a year.



Families Served

905

## COVID-19 PRC \$500 Relief Checks 4/13/2020 - 6/1/2020 *HCJFS' rapid response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

HCJFS leveraged \$3 million dollars of TANF PRC funds to distribute to eligible families with an income loss caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. 6,000 Hamilton County families received \$500 checks 6 weeks.



Families Served

6,000

## CARES Funding 11/2020 - 3/31/2021 *Federal Funds for immediate rent and utility relief*

Eligible Hamilton County renters, who have been financially impacted by the pandemic, can receive up to 12 months in past due rent and utilities and/or pay for three months in future rent and utilities.



Families Served

334

Total unduplicated approvals is for CARES and ERAP funds is: 1,628

# Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) (4/1/2021 - 8/22/2021)

Note: Reporting only ERAP Data 4/1/2021 to present.

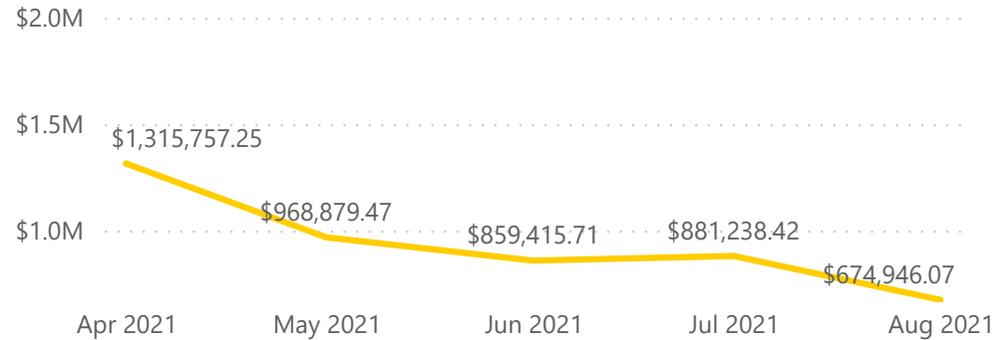
Rent Approved

**\$3,766,952.39**

Utilities Approved

**\$933,284.53**

Funds Approved



Average Approval Amount

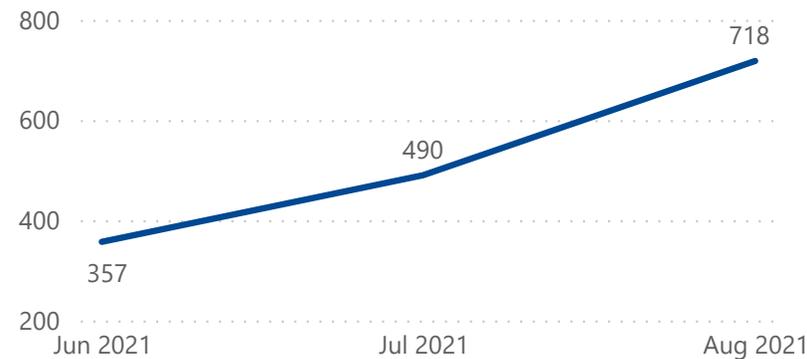


Funding approvals are decreasing because: (1) the average approval total for rent has gone down since the start of the pandemic. Rent approvals in April - May 2021 averaged \$4,000; by July rent approvals decreased to an average of \$2,800 and August shows a continuing trend. (2) Processing staff have been leveraged for special projects and outreach, more staff in the field reduces capacity to process applications. While these present positive opportunities for employees, they can negatively impact processing and create backlogs. HCJFS is facing the same hiring challenges as many employers in the area. To mitigate the staffing challenges, HCJFS is: (1) increasing processing resources by borrowing staff capacity from other departments, (2) temporarily halting outreach activities for ERAP processing staff and offering these opportunities to other departments/employees with greater capacity.

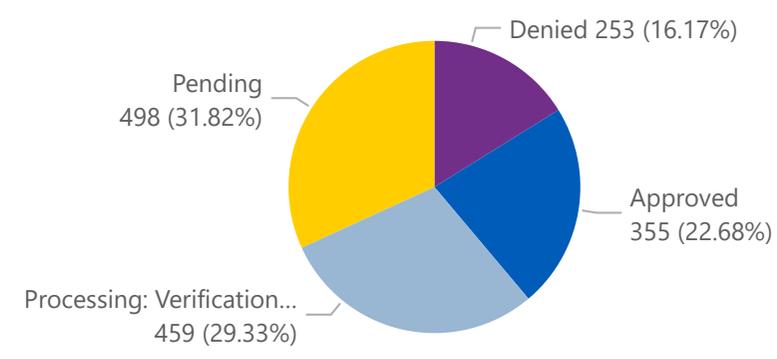
## ERAP Processing Improvements (6/3/2021 - 8/22/2021)

HCJFS receives 129 (on average) each week. In early June 2021, HCJFS deployed a new ERAP database. As part of this transition, HCJFS is hiring and training employees to meet the community's need for rent and utility assistance. HCJFS will continuously remain flexible and shift resources as needed. Data below ONLY includes data in the ERAP database.

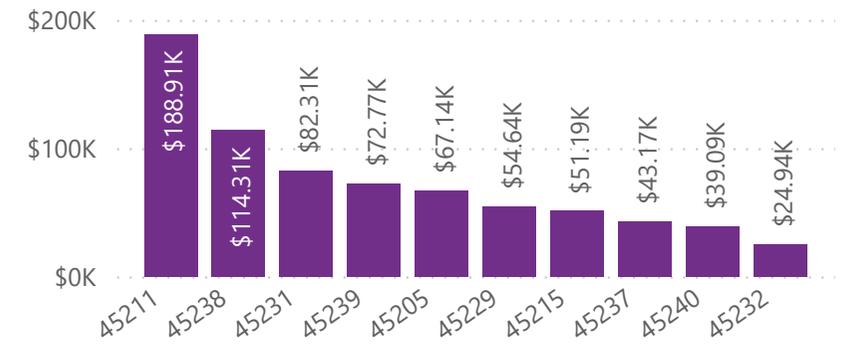
Applications Received



Current Application Status



Total Approved by Zip Code (Top 10) ERAP ONLY



# Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Rent & Utilities (3/1/2020 - 7/30/2021)

Rent / Utility Approvals

928

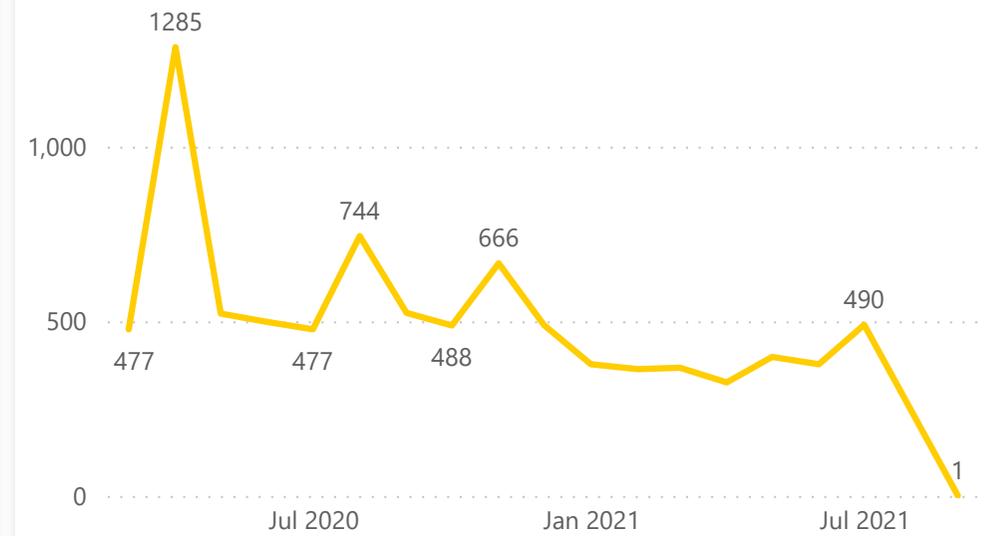
Average Days (Receipt - Decision)

12.03

Total Approved by Zip Code (Top 10)



Applications Received (for all service categories)



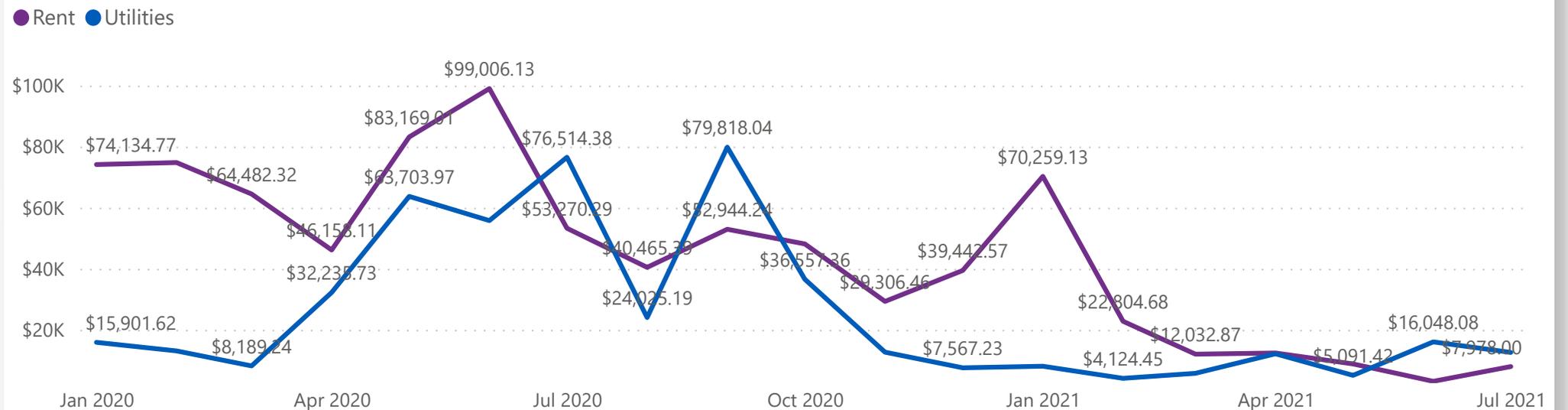
Rent Approved

\$692,355.11

Utilities Approved

\$460,961.17

Funds Approved



August 30, 2021

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**To:** Major Projects & Smart Government Committee, City Council  
**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *PSM*  
**Subject:** “Access to Justice” Pilot Program to prevent residential eviction

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council information on the “Access to Justice” Pilot Program that the Administration will be launching in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati (“Legal Aid”). This program will provide critical legal services to City residents that will help these residents secure available rental assistance and defend against eviction actions.

**Background**

On August 26, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to end the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) moratorium on residential eviction. Prior to this most recent ruling, the Supreme Court had left in place an earlier CDC residential eviction ban that expired at the end of July 2021. Since April, the Hamilton County Municipal Court (who has jurisdiction over eviction cases in the City of Cincinnati) stopped enforcing the national CDC residential eviction moratorium, allowing for residential evictions for nonpayment of rent to proceed that may have been previously stayed. Eviction filings have been steadily rising in the City since the end of 2020. The continuing pandemic remains a constant threat to residents who are evicted, since many individuals evicted must move into congregate settings, like emergency shelter, or into shared housing with family or friends where there is a great risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Most residential eviction complaints brought in the City of Cincinnati are filed on the basis of non-payment of rent. The availability of emergency rent assistance in our community is at a historic level through the American Rescue Plan’s Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. It is critical to connect eligible tenants and landlords to this resource in order to stabilize families and the City’s rental housing market. The City has partnered with the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (“CAA”) to deploy these significant federal resources to eligible families and landlords in our community. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Community Action Agency Home Relief Program, information available online at <https://www.cincy-caa.org/what-we-do/supportive-services/caa-home-relief.html>

## **“Access to Justice” Program Description**

As part of the ERA program, U.S. Treasury has encouraged local governments to identify partnerships to actively prevent evictions, to promote housing stability, and to develop eviction diversion programs. Through the Administration’s experience over the course of the last several months, it has become clear that many tenants in Cincinnati need legal assistance in applying for and securing the available rental assistance and in defending themselves against eviction cases that have already been initiated.

The ERA program permits the City to utilize up to 10% of its ERA allocation for other housing stability services, including for legal services related to eviction proceedings and maintaining housing stability.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Legal Aid has demonstrated success in preventing threatened evictions for nonpayment of rent, using a combination of legal representation and assistance in securing rental assistance for clients through partnerships with CAA and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

To address the urgent need for legal representation, the City in partnership with Legal Aid are launching the “Access to Justice” program. This program will provide free legal services to eligible low-income Cincinnatians to assist in defense against eviction cases and to assist tenants in securing available rental assistance. In addition to other committed public and private funding, the City will contribute to this program \$500,000 of the City’s ERA-2 allocation, which was appropriated by Council in Ordinance No. 209-2020. Other City support provided for the program includes \$115,000 in CDBG funding and \$50,000 in human services funding. The program will be launched with the target of providing dedicated representation in eviction for 700 families in the City, with the goal of an 80% resolution rate in those cases.