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To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202101434

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DESIGNATING HOUSING  
ADVISORY BOARD TO DEVELOP AND ADVISE ON  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY PRIORITIES**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

**DESIGNATING** the Housing Advisory Board to (i) establish the City's affordable housing policy priorities, including with respect to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and related capital improvement program project accounts and (ii) advise the City's third-party administrator of the affordable housing loan pool of such priorities; and further **MODIFYING** Section 209-7 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to clarify that the role of the Housing Advisory Board includes establishment of the City of Cincinnati's affordable housing policy priorities.

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 16, 2021 the City Manager delivered a report to City Council entitled Affordable Housing: Recommendations (Reference Document #202101105). This report detailed the role and functions the City performs within the spaces of housing production and finance. In addition, the report presented actionable recommendations, both legislative and administrative, designed to substantially increase and encourage affordable housing development and preservation in the City.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The report and recommendations were formally presented by the City Manager's Office at the Economic Growth and Zoning (EGZ) Affordable Housing Subcommittee. At that time, a series of legislative proposals was indicated as forthcoming.

This Emergency Ordinance is one such legislative action, which realizes multiple goals discussed in the Affordable Housing Subcommittee, including:

- Creating a structure to encourage public discourse informed by expertise
- Building collective support for priorities with both public and private parties
- Creating informed priorities to submit to the City Manager and City Council for approval, as applicable, and to set programmatic direction

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.