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WE MOVE that the Administration modernize the Lobbyist Registration process by developing a simple webpage on the City's website that will allow registrants to file and pay their registration fees through a web portal.


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STATEMENT

Currently, under Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 112 – Council Lobbying, Legislative Agents are required to register with the City's Clerk of Council within ten days of engagement on behalf of a client who has business before the City. The current process requires the Agent to print a PDF version of a form for initial and/or updated registration and then mail the document with a check to the Clerk of Council.

If an online portal is developed for registration and payment, the simpler process can lead to greater compliance. Additionally, by collecting this data digitally, it can be made available and searchable to the general public. An electronic registration will save City staff time by eliminating the tracking of forms and checks, while also allowing the Clerk of Council to automatically notify registrants on anniversary dates when an updated registration is needed.

A new online registration process will modernize the City of Cincinnati's Lobbyist Registration by creating a system, though much simpler, much like that of the State of Ohio's Joint Legislative Ethics Committee website and process.

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