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To: The Members of the Public Safety & Quality Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602543

Subject: Ordinance – Amending CMC Chapter 761 - Chronic Nuisance Premises

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 761, "Chronic Nuisance Premises," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **ORDAINING** Sections 761-1-C2, "Commercial premises," 761-1-0, "Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking," 761-1-M, "Multi-family premises," and 761-17, "Notice"; and **AMENDING** Sections 761-1-N, "Nuisance or Nuisance Activity," 761-3, "Notification That Premises May Be a Chronic Nuisance," 761-5, "Determination That Premises is a Chronic Nuisance," 761-7, "Citations For Multiple Nuisance Activities; Criminal And Civil Penalties," 761-9, "Appeals," 761-13, "Rules and Regulations," and 761-14, "Eviction or Retaliation Prohibited"; and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Sections 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," and 1501-11, "Class E Civil Offenses," all to create new tools to abate crime at commercial properties; to allow enforcement against businesses in addition to property owners; to enshrine protections for the victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and to achieve more efficient and streamlined administration of abatement of chronic nuisance premises.

Approval of this ordinance would modify Chapter 761, "Chronic Nuisance Premises," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to allow for enforcement of the ordinance against problem commercial premises. Current enforcement is limited to multi-family properties. The amendment would also enhance administrative efficiencies by shortening the time where a non-compliant owner can be issued a fine as well as standardizing the amount of the fine as well as allow the administration to adjust the thresholds that trigger enforcement to more accurately reflect crime trends. Finally, an exception to enforcement has been added to ensure that the current administrative protection given to the victims of violent crime are enshrined in the ordinance expressly.

cc: Art Dahlberg, Director, Buildings and Inspections