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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2023

MODIFYING a provision of Chapter 209 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, "Housing Advisory Board," by **AMENDING** Section 209-5, "Composition of Board," for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Housing Advisory Board to consist of up to sixteen members for the purpose of broadening community engagement by ensuring deeper representation of residential tenant stakeholders.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-2007, passed February 18, 2007, enacted Chapter 209 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, "Housing Advisory Board," ("Board"), establishing the initial number of members of the Board at eleven members; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 55-2022, passed March 2, 2022, expanded the composition of the Board from eleven to fourteen members to broaden community engagement and ensure deeper representation of community, business, and neighborhood stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state and local law, the Board consists of representatives from specified groups including (1) institutions that lend money for housing, (2) for-profit and non-profit builders and developers of housing (including rental housing), (3) real estate brokers, (4) persons with professional knowledge regarding local housing needs and fair housing issues within the City, (5) residents of the City who could receive housing assistance from the City, (6) the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, (7) elected officials of the City, and (8) additional groups and individuals who are necessary to provide balanced advice on housing plans and programs, each of whom have unique expertise in developing affordable housing strategies; and

WHEREAS, tenants living in residential rental properties have a unique perspective regarding the local housing market and successful review of housing-related policies by the Board requires the participation of these tenants to provide more complete and balanced advice on matters coming before the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council intend to adopt a Tenants Bill of Rights to affirm and protect the rights of residential tenants in the city of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to increase the number of members on the Board to broaden community engagement and ensure deeper representation of residential rental stakeholders; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 209-5 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 209-5. – Composition of Board.

The Cincinnati Housing Advisory Board shall consist of at least eleven and up to ~~fourteen~~ sixteen voting members, which shall be of diverse community leadership/representation.

The board shall include a balanced representation from each of the following groups located within the city as specified below and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 176.01:

- (a) Institutions that lend money for housing;
- (b) Nonprofit builders and developers of housing;
- (c) For-profit builders and developers of housing;
- (d) For-profit builders and developers of rental housing;
- (e) Real estate brokers licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4735;
- (f) Other persons with professional knowledge regarding local housing needs and fair housing issues within the city;
- (g) Residents of areas of the city served by the board that could receive housing assistance from the city;
- (h) Any metropolitan housing authority operating within the city;
- (i) The elected officials of the city;
- (j) Such other groups or individuals that the appointing authority determines are necessary to provide balanced advice on housing plans and programs.

Section 2. That existing Section 209-5, “Composition of Board” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

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 enable the appointment of additional members to the Housing Advisory Board so the Housing Advisory Board can meet and conduct business as soon as possible.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strikethrough.