

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

MODIFYING Article XXIV, “Department of Community and Economic Development,” of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by **AMENDING** Section 2, “Duties of Director of Community and Economic Development,” to remove the oversight of the City’s human services funding from the responsibilities of the Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) in order to facilitate timely and effective service delivery and allow DCED to concentrate limited staffing resources on economic and community development projects.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to Article XXIV of the Administrative Code revises the responsibilities of the Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) so they align with the current needs of the City and DCED in order to allow DCED to concentrate limited staffing resources on economic and community development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is establishing an Office of Human Services in the City Manager’s Office in order to provide adequate resources and staffing to improve service delivery and partnerships with organizations funded by the City that deliver human services, violence prevention services, and other anti-poverty initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager believes that this restructuring will result in superior service delivery on economic and community development projects and human services; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, with three-fourths of its members concurring:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Article XXIV, “Department of Community and Economic Development,” of the Administrative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2. – Duties of Director of Community and Economic Development.

The director of community and economic development shall serve as an advocate for economic development and related programs and projects within the City of Cincinnati under the supervision of the city manager.

The director of community and economic development shall be responsible for: expediting and facilitating economic development projects on behalf of the city; shall manage all requests for city funding or passthrough funding targeted at economic development projects; shall be the primary point of contact with the city for developers, development authorities, and development corporations when promoting economic development projects in the city; shall coordinate with other entities on job attraction and expansion activities; shall coordinate the planning of economic development projects in the city; shall

be responsible for the development and redevelopment of industrial corridors and commercial corridor revitalization within the city; shall be responsible for job retention activities; shall have primary responsibility for advising the city manager on economic development projects involving the use of eminent domain; shall administer and enforce commercial development in neighborhood business districts and related commercial loan programs; shall administer small business services; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the city manager or by ordinance of council.

The director of community and economic development shall administer neighborhood development services ~~and human services contract administration~~ for the citizens and the businesses of the City of Cincinnati and its neighborhoods.

The director of community and economic development shall administer and enforce all housing assistance and development programs and related housing and development loan programs, neighborhood assistance and liaison activities, and neighborhood support programs.

The director of community and economic development shall administer the funding of ~~essential human services~~; community development programs, ~~including public facilities and improvements consistent with human services policies of the city~~; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the city manager or by ordinance of council.

Section 2. That existing Section 2 of Article XXIV of the Administrative Code, "Department of Community and Economic Development," 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: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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