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MOTION

Energy Benchmarking

WE MOVE that the Administration compile a report back to Council within sixty (60) days on the use of "energy benchmarking" practices and building performance standards in other cities and their effectiveness on reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions from residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.

WE MOVE that the Administration share as a part of this report any learning as a result of the energy benchmarking involving companies in the 2030 District.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the report contain a list of existing incentives, programs, and/or financing tools at the Federal, State and Municipal level that can be utilized to improve the energy efficiency of residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.
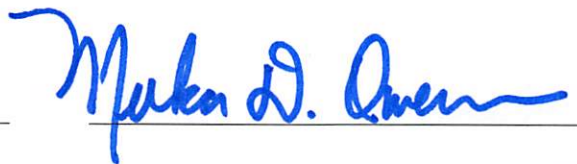

STATEMENT

Roughly 60% of carbon emissions in the City of Cincinnati come from the energy usage of buildings. To reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, other cities have leveraged the practice of "energy benchmarking". "Energy benchmarking" is a process of tracking a building's energy consumption over time, which can lead to changes in electricity usage, fixture upgrades, and weatherproofing.

With the goal of reducing building emissions 30% from 2021 levels by 2030, the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan identifies benchmarking and building performance standards as a priority action, aimed at improving energy efficiency of new and existing buildings, reducing energy burden, and promoting equity. This report will enable City Council to identify the right policy next steps on this issue to move it forward.

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