



City of Cincinnati

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Agenda - Final

Public Safety & Governance

Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Anna Albi

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:30 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

1. [202500353](#) **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding traffic enforcement. (Reference Document #202402419)
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
2. [202500448](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding a Cincinnati permanent gun violence victims memorial. (Reference Document # 202401206)
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Report](#)
3. [202500459](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding motion to promote health and wellness of Cincinnati Firefighter. (Reference Document # 202402178)
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Report](#)
4. [202500460](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 634 to move the classification of Carpenter from Division 03 to Division D1.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
5. [202500335](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.
Sponsors: Jeffreys

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)

ADJOURNMENT

February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

202500353

Subject: Traffic Enforcement

Reference Document #202402419

On December 11, 2024, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys referred the following item for report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the City Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that:

- Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2024, and update the same for the previous four years;
- Shares how many ‘traffic blitzes’ there were in 2024 and the number of citations and stops for each traffic blitz;
- Outlines plans for ‘traffic blitzes’ and other plans for traffic enforcement in 2025;
- Shares the number of crashes that CPD responded to on Interstate Highways (I-74/75/71) within city limits in 2023 & 2024, including the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) hours spent responding to those crashes and the subsequent follow up.

Overall and by neighborhood traffic citations from 2020 through 2024:

Data is preliminary, and subject to further analysis and revision



Prepared by Crime Analysis and Problem Solving
Cincinnati Police Department

Traffic Citation Counts by District						
DISTRICT	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
CENTRAL BUSINESS SECTION	529	584	610	781	890	3,394
DISTRICT 1	2,697	2,883	2,398	3,357	3,925	15,260
DISTRICT 2	2,356	2,507	2,873	2,736	2,223	12,695
DISTRICT 3	9,171	9,200	11,359	14,463	11,394	55,587
DISTRICT 4	4,838	4,761	4,472	5,471	3,815	23,357
INTERSTATES	1,692	2,235	1,987	3,476	2,507	11,897
N/A OR OUT OF CITY	42	55	47	66	76	286
Grand Total	21,325	22,225	23,746	30,350	24,830	122,476

Traffic Citation Counts by Neighborhood													
NEIGHBORHOOD	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	NEIGHBORHOOD	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
AVONDALE	1,136	1,057	1,108	1,012	697	5,010	MOUNT AUBURN	284	217	271	235	361	1,368
BOND HILL	657	603	554	813	421	3,048	MOUNT LOOKOUT	59	72	83	74	70	358
CALIFORNIA	12	24	32	31	23	122	MOUNT WASHINGTON	93	115	103	131	83	525
CAMP WASHINGTON	353	373	444	807	600	2,577	N/A OR OUT OF CITY	42	55	47	66	76	286
CARTHAGE	265	301	239	282	283	1,370	NORTH AVONDALE	504	373	444	364	387	2,072
CBD/RIVERFRONT	453	518	436	571	690	2,668	NORTH FAIRMOUNT	146	184	169	144	145	788
CLIFTON	408	439	475	592	345	2,259	NORTHSIDE	506	559	688	1,416	999	4,168
COLLEGE HILL	461	535	496	833	437	2,762	OAKLEY	191	315	370	321	321	1,518
COLUMBIA TUSCULUM	89	114	200	356	189	948	OVER-THE-RHINE	640	692	664	765	1,320	4,081
CORRYVILLE	428	419	344	353	307	1,851	PADDOCK HILLS	220	261	201	216	139	1,037
CUF	558	631	489	916	781	3,375	PENDLETON	41	42	45	28	35	191
EAST END	77	94	151	99	109	530	PLEASANT RIDGE	118	157	182	162	114	733
EAST PRICE HILL	1,193	1,124	1,560	1,601	1,070	6,548	QUEENSGATE	472	407	353	712	672	2,616
EAST WALNUT HILLS	78	73	84	81	112	428	RIVERSIDE	138	189	220	295	304	1,146
EAST WESTWOOD	300	276	371	273	277	1,497	ROSELAWN	278	395	285	317	336	1,611
ENGLISH WOODS	64	50	73	83	88	358	SAYLER PARK	73	96	97	233	189	688
EVANSTON	251	233	349	342	247	1,422	SEDAMSVILLE	290	196	336	453	273	1,548
HARTWELL	125	139	116	133	136	649	SOUTH CUMMINSVILLE	100	145	165	153	123	686
HYDE PARK	148	189	193	188	196	914	SOUTH FAIRMOUNT	638	1,001	1,126	1,234	1,032	5,031
INTERSTATES	1,692	2,235	1,987	3,476	2,507	11,897	SPRING GROVE VILLAGE	423	448	459	880	442	2,652
KENNEDY HEIGHTS	30	64	57	38	24	213	VILLAGES AT ROLL HILL	102	77	114	103	118	514
LINWOOD	22	55	36	87	65	265	WALNUT HILLS	964	753	744	607	458	3,526
LOWER PRICE HILL	468	468	563	1,289	1,115	3,903	WEST END	702	894	576	701	756	3,629
MADISONVILLE	224	249	289	219	212	1,193	WEST PRICE HILL	1,144	1,150	1,561	1,400	1,030	6,285
MILLVALE	297	308	303	286	216	1,410	WESTWOOD	1,720	1,822	2,454	2,357	2,236	10,589
MOUNT ADAMS	76	66	174	210	200	726	WINTON HILLS	394	326	247	509	322	1,798
MOUNT AIRY	1,178	647	619	1,503	1,142	5,089	Grand Total	21,325	22,225	23,746	30,350	24,830	122,476

Data Produced: January 3, 2025

¹Data tables reflect citation counts issued by Cincinnati Police for offenses falling under ORC Sections beginning with 45-- and CMC Sections beginning with 5--.

Crash Summary Statistics for those occurring on I-74, I-71, and I-75 - 2023 and 2024, including FTE hours spent on crash investigations:

		Time Spent on Crash (Time Dispatched to Cleared) In Minutes					
	Interstate	Count	Sum	Min	Max*	Average	Stan Dev**
2023	I-74	198	8,737.8	0	154	44.1	27.2
	I-71	547	24,448.1	0	1,105	44.7	54.9
	I-75	1,166	58,422.2	0	5,870	50.1	174.4
	Total	1,911	91,608.0	0	5,870	47.9	139.6
2024	I-74	177	7,712.4	0	222	43.6	32.2
	I-71	531	24,739.6	0	781	46.6	46.9
	I-75	1,320	56,700.0	0	2,955	43.0	89.6
	Total	2,028	89,151.9	0	2,955	44.0	76.8

Note: This does not include the time the Traffic Unit takes to investigate serious and fatal crashes. They estimate crash investigations take an average of 80-120 hours per case, and more for complex prosecuted cases. This includes multiple traffic officer's time at the scene, investigative processes, and trial preparation. They investigated 70 cases in 2023 and 55 cases in 2024.

* Max field denotes what the highest value., which gives an idea of the outlier value. For instance, in 2024 there was at least one crash report/investigation that lasted 2,955 minutes (49 hours). Upon inspection, the calculation Time (Dispatched to Time Cleared) did not accurately reflect the time report/investigated. Instead, this was a complex crash between a bus, semi-truck, and sedan. The officer entered the crash report the day after, including the finalized time cleared. Similarly, crashes with the minimum value of zero reflect reporting

processes, like entering the same dispatch and clearance date/time.

** Stan Dev denotes the standard deviation or how dispersed the values are around the mean. Typically, two standard deviations around the mean denotes an "outlier". With this method, a 2024 crash report/investigation lasting longer than 198 minutes would be considered an outlier. Equation for 2024 Total outlier: $76.8 * 2 + 44.0 = 197.6$

Date ranges for the 2024 Traffic Blitzes, the citation/warning count, traffic stop count, and Traffic Blitz plans for 2025:

Blitz Details occurring in 2024

Blitz Period	Operational Notes	Traffic Stops	Citations	Warnings
Spring 2024 (1/22 – 2/3)	Partnership between Traffic Unit and Ohio State Patrol. The main goal is to maximize uniformed presence and address hazardous driving. The secondary goal is to boost morale and develop relationships with a local partner.	1,212	1,797	80
Summer 2024 (6/10 – 6/20)	Performed by select District Officers and supported by Traffic Unit. The main goal was to onboard and expose young officers to traffic stop processes and their benefits. The secondary goal is to maximize enforcement within each district.	644	556	15

Blitz Plan in 2025

Blitz Period	Operational Notes
Spring 2025 (2/17 – 2/28, <i>tentative</i>)	Partnership between Traffic Unit and Ohio State Patrol
Summer 2025 TBD	Partnership between Traffic Unit and District Officers

ⁱ In 2024 (reporting on 2023), CPD sent out a similar report; however, it used a manual process recommended by the Traffic Unit. This focused primarily on moving charges. This was ideal because it narrowly focused on behaviors targeted for a Blitz, most notably unsafe driving. The downside of this method is new charges can be used, it is time-consuming for analysts, and, most importantly, not easily reproduced. This year CPD improved the process and streamlined the approach by collecting all traffic-related charges (ORC 45--- or CMC 5---). The downside of this method is it includes non-moving infractions, like "Failure to Register Vehicle," and those that aren't responsive to proactive traffic enforcement, like "Following an Emergency Vehicle." For that reason, this report will display count discrepancies when compared to the prior Motion Response in 2024.

Future plans for Traffic Blitzes and OVI (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs) checkpoints in 2025:

The Cincinnati Police Department's Traffic Unit has been tentatively approved to conduct a Traffic Blitz from February 17 through February 28, 2025, and an additional Traffic Blitz in the summer of 2025 (TBD).

The Cincinnati Police Department is a member of the Ohio Traffic Safety Office County OVI Task Force. The goal of the task force is to reduce the number of fatal traffic crashes and alcohol-related fatal crashes by utilizing, where feasible, the low-manpower OVI checkpoint model to conduct low-cost, highly effective OVI checkpoints throughout Hamilton County, and by enforcing zero tolerance of safety belt and child safety seat law violations. Possible OVI checkpoints are in the planning phase for 2025. The dates are to be determined.

Other plans for traffic enforcement in 2025:

Districts will participate in the 2025 Traffic Blitz events and use both data and complaints from the community and community councils to proactively address traffic concerns. Data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety, e.g., crash data, provided by Crime Analysis and Problem Solving (CAPS) will assist districts to conduct enforcement efforts where needed. Traffic enforcement plans are driven through data analysis and initiatives may be spontaneous in response at the district level.

For example, in 2024 District One specifically set their focus on Liberty Street and select Over-The-Rhine streets including Vine Street and Green Street, after reviewing data and other reports presented by CAPS, reflecting top crash and weapon call for service locations. Additionally, District One officers focused on traffic concerns brought by the community related to Mohawk and Renner Streets. This effort was in response to concerned residents of these streets, although Mohawk and Renner Streets were not identified as top crash locations by CPD.

Another example, in 2024 District Three designated the 1500 to 2200 block of Queen City Avenue for PVO (Police Visibility Overtime) traffic enforcement. This was based largely on data from CAPS, which showed the largest concentration of traffic accidents in District Three occurring there. Since then, traffic calming measures have been installed in the area, but District Three has continued to conduct enforcement efforts in this corridor. District Three has also focused on Glenway Avenue between Crookshank and Werk Road, Glenway Avenue in the “traffic calming zone,” to stop drivers from using the middle lane to pass, Colerain Avenue near North Bend Road, and on Harrison Avenue between Werk Road and McHenry Avenue. Additionally, District Three’s Neighborhood Liaison Unit has worked on traffic complaints in the areas of Chase and Virginia, Werk and Harrison, and Colerain and North Bend.

Districts will also continue to assist and give recommendations to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) in support of their traffic calming efforts. The districts will continue to conduct periodic enforcement in the short term, repeatedly looking for longer term solutions, such as a change in traffic patterns, etc. Additionally, Neighborhood Liaison Units will conduct traffic/pedestrian safety training at community meetings and at schools. Several designated traffic enforcement officers have been selected to focus on reducing speeding, auto accidents, while increasing pedestrian safety.

Grants/Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2024-187 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, for the purpose of funding a program to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

Ordinance No. 2024-186 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office's FY25 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program, to aid in reducing death and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents.

Ordinance No. 2024-188 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, to fund a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) position to provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Ohio, and to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio.

Conclusion:

The Cincinnati Police Department will continue to conduct periodic short term traffic enforcement while repeatedly looking for longer term solutions in addition to the continued collaboration with their partners on traffic enforcement and traffic calming measures. Additionally, CPD will continue to utilize data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety, e.g., crash data, in collaboration with Crime Analysis and Problem Solving (CAPS).

CPD will utilize the listed grant funding to collaborate with the Traffic Unit, who has staff supervision over the Department's selective enforcement program and other specialized traffic-related programs. The Traffic Unit acts as a liaison and an implementation site for state programs such as the seat belt and holiday drunk driving programs, to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

cc: Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

March 12, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500448

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Cincinnati Permanent Gun Violence Victims Memorial

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202401206

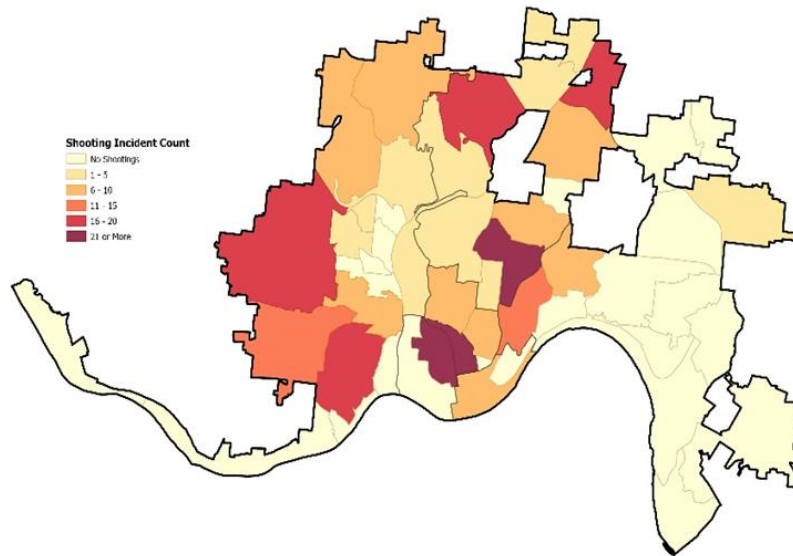
On May 5, 2024, the City Council referred the following for a report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Albi, and Vice Mayor Lemon-Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a report within (30) days on the feasibility of the formation/construction of a permanent memorial for victims of gun violence in Cincinnati. This report should include the following: 1) Funding sources/opportunities, 2) Overall cost, 3) Community Engagement process, 4) Site identification, 5) Key community partners, 6) Key external partners including but not limited to The Gun Violence Memorial Project and 7) Educational Opportunities.

Overview

This report assesses the feasibility of creating a permanent memorial for victims of gun violence in the City of Cincinnati. Gun violence has far-reaching consequences that not only affect victims and their families but also helps shape the socio-economic and emotional fabric of communities.

Sadly, gun violence has become a pervasive issue that devastates families, communities, and the City as a whole. In 2024, there were nearly 300 shooting incidents with 355 victims injured by gunfire. This stretches from senseless gunfire hitting unintended victims to shootings between domestic partners. Gun violence in 2024 is the second lowest in the past decade, with only 2018 recording fewer incidents. Gun violence has largely affected the City's minority community: 90% of shooting victims (318) were Black despite about 50% of the City reporting being a part of a non-White race or ethnic group. In addition, more than half of the victims were young people under the age of 30, including 42 victims under the age of 18.



In response to this crisis, there is an increasing demand for memorials dedicated to honoring victims and raising awareness about the consequences of gun violence. A memorial could potentially serve as a space for remembrance, reflection, and healing, while also raising awareness about the devastating effects of gun violence.

Funding Sources & Opportunities

The creation of a memorial to honor the victims of gun violence necessitates a comprehensive and strategic funding approach, encompassing a diverse range of financial sources, including public, private, and philanthropic contributions. This multi-faceted strategy will ensure the memorial's successful realization, engaging various sectors of the community and fostering widespread support. The following are potential funding sources that could be used secure the necessary resources for impactful project:

- General Capital Funds
- Grants
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Fundraising Events/Activities

Project Cost

The cost of building a permanent memorial can vary greatly depending on several factors, such as size, scope, design, materials, and location. However, the below captures the various elements required in the building of a permanent structure.

- Design and Architectural Fees
- Construction and Site preparation

- Landscaping and Landscaping Features
- Maintenance Fund
- Education/Interactive Components

The overall cost of constructing a memorial may range from \$800,000 up to \$3 million depending on the scale and scope of the project. Once construction is completed, ensuring its upkeep and relevance will require ongoing investments and community involvement. Plans should be put in place for future maintenance, and the memorial could serve as a hub for ongoing educational and advocacy activities. Further research and analysis will be required to fully understand the complexities associated with a project of this magnitude.

Community Engagement Process

Effective community engagement is crucial to ensuring the memorial reflects the values, stories, and needs of the residents it aims to serve. The process must be transparent, and it must be inclusive of not only our community partners and the general public, but specifically the family and friends of victims of gun violence.

Engaging with family members and other community stakeholders early on helps clarify the memorial's intent and significance. During this process, it could potentially reveal a need for adjustments in the project's vision and approach. It's critical to recognize that defining the project and understanding the necessary resources such as funding and time, may evolve as the community shares their perspectives. Trying to define the scope and budget for a project that hasn't been fully shaped by its stakeholders is a significant challenge, and flexibility in the process is essential. A topic of this nature may require the assistance of outside consultants who are especially skilled at conducting the engagement process with the sensitivity and compassion it deserves.

Site Identification

Selecting an appropriate site for the memorial is critical to its accessibility, visibility, and relevance. When making the selection the following considerations for the site should include:

- Proximity to affected communities
- High-traffic urban area
- Accessibility
- Visibility and symbolism
- Security and safety

It is important to note that a site that is currently under the control or ownership of the City will be more advantageous and cost effective. Extensive due diligence by staff, coupled with comprehensive and inclusive community engagement efforts, will be essential to thoroughly assess and identify potential sites, ensuring all relevant factors and concerns are addressed.

Community Partners

Community partnerships and active involvement are crucial to the long-term success and meaningful impact of a permanent memorial. By engaging gun violence survivors, their families, advocacy organizations, local leaders, and residents in the planning and design process, we ensure that the memorial is not only a symbol of remembrance but also a true reflection of the lived experiences, struggles, and needs of those most affected. This collaborative approach fosters a deeper sense of connection and purpose, ensuring the memorial serves as a powerful, authentic tribute that honors the resilience and voices of the community. The City actively collaborates with the following organizations in its ongoing efforts to address gun violence, providing crucial support to survivors, families, and communities impacted by these tragedies

- CPD Victims Assistance Liaison Unit (VALU)
- UCanspeakforme
- Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)
- Save our Youth Kings and Queens
- Moms Demand Action (MOMS)
- VALU - Survivors Advisory Board
- Seven Hills Neighborhood House and Trauma Recovery Center

Together, these organizations play a critical role in both immediate crisis response and long-term recovery efforts, ensuring that those impacted by gun violence receive the support and resources they need.

Educational Opportunities

The memorial can serve as a powerful education tool in several ways, providing a space to reflect on the impact of gun violence while promoting awareness, understanding, and most importantly action.

In essence, a gun violence memorial goes beyond just commemorating the past; it becomes a tool for engaging individuals in conversations about prevention, and policy, while educating the public about the ongoing need for change in our approach to gun violence. A permanent memorial for victims of gun violence will be an important step in recognizing the devastating impact of gun violence on the community and offering a space for healing and education.

Recommendation

The Administration respectfully requests that the City Council provide clear guidance on whether staff should proceed with exploring potential next steps and a budget for this project.

Further analysis is needed in collaboration with the Department of Transportation and Engineering, Department of City Planning and Engagement and Cincinnati Police Department. Through careful planning, community involvement, and collaboration with key partners, the memorial can leave a lasting legacy of hope and healing for future generations in Cincinnati.

March 12, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500459

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Report on Motion to Promote Health and Wellness of Cincinnati Firefighters

Reference Document #202402178

On October 10, 2024, the Public Safety and Governance Committee referred the following for a report:

MOTION, dated October 10, 2024, submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney and Councilmember Scotty Johnson, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report by the end of this calendar year on the cost and feasibility, as well as recommendations for implementation of the following measures to enhance the health and wellness of Cincinnati firefighters with involvement from the Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48 throughout the process:

1. Annual Comprehensive Firefighter Occupational Health Exams, to include a Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) test, to proactively screen for cancer and other occupational health risks.
2. Upgrade Workout Equipment in all 26 firehouses to ensure firefighters have access to modern, functional fitness tools that support their physical conditioning and job performance.
3. Funding for Certification for 15 Firefighters as Health and Wellness Coaches, enabling them to provide expert guidance on nutrition, physical exercise, and wellness practices, and to support their peers in maintaining optimal health.

These initiatives aim to promote long-term health, early disease diagnosis, and wellness support for our firefighting workforce.

The following report outlines the estimated cost and feasibility of implementing annual comprehensive firefighter occupational health exams, to include an MCED test. Specifically, the report details programs of other municipalities across the United States, outlines the standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and makes recommendations based on industry standards, NFPA 1582 requirements, and the Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, this report outlines the current inventory of workout equipment across all 26 firehouses and the cost and feasibility of replacing and/or upgrading the equipment. Finally, this report lays out the cost and feasibility of certifying 15 Firefighters as Health and Wellness Programs and makes recommendations on the implementation of the proposed measures.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is recommended that:

- The City move forward with implementation of annual comprehensive occupational health exams, to include comprehensive cancer screening, which may include multi-cancer early detection testing and/or additional screening methods. The costs of this examination should be included in the Cincinnati Fire Department's (hereafter "CFD") FY2026 budget.
- That CFD conduct a comprehensive evaluation of their existing fitness equipment including equipment age, appearance, maintenance, and user experience to allow the City Administration to better determine the amount of equipment that needs replacement and assist with replacement prioritization.
- That CFD work with the City's Procurement office to release a Request for Information (RFI) to obtain additional information regarding various Health and Wellness Certification programs. This will give CFD and the Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48 ("Union") a more comprehensive overview of the options, cost, and benefits of each certification program for their consideration.

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FIREFIGHTER OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXAMS, TO INCLUDE A MULTI-CANCER EARLY DETECTION TEST

In order to obtain a better understanding of the surrounding municipalities' policies on Occupational Exams for Fire Department Personnel, the following questions were posed to various cities:

- Does the department conduct annual or semi-annual medical and fitness evaluations and cancer screenings in accordance with the standards of NFPA 1582?
- Which of the below items is covered under that examination?
 - General Physical exam?
 - Blood tests?
 - Urinalysis?
 - Vision test?
 - Hearing screening?
 - Pulmonary function test (Spirometry)?
 - EKG?
 - Chest X-ray?
 - Comprehensive Cancer screening?
 - Heavy metal screening?
 - Other? (Please specify)
- Is the evaluation mandatory or voluntary?
- Is the evaluation covered under a collective bargaining agreement?
- Does the city receive a copy of the results and/or a certification that an individual is "fit for duty?"
- Is the full cost covered by the city?

Inquiries were sent out to around 20 municipalities, with a response rate of approximately 65%.¹ Responses are summarized in the table below.

Municipality	Annual Evaluation ?	What is covered?	Mandatory ?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement ?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
Columbus, Ohio	Yes. The city of Columbus Physical Health and Fitness program is not in strict compliance with NFPA 1582 but does include some of its components.	General Physical exam, Blood tests, Urinalysis, Vision test, Hearing Screening, Pulmonary function test, EKG, Chest X-Ray, Heavy Metal Screening.	Yes	Yes, Article 38 of the CBA	Human Resources within the Division of Fire receives fitness testing results for incentive purposes, a generic overview (disposition) of any restrictions, and/or other follow up information on a case-by-case basis due to extenuating circumstances. Protected medical information does not typically get sent to HR and every effort is made to minimize the amount shared. Medical results, including any lab results, are provided directly to the firefighter and are rarely provided to the Division of Fire.	Yes. Please note the City of Columbus does not pay for any necessary follow-up
Dayton, Ohio	Conducts physicals for 1/3 of its members annually. We encourage	Head-to-toe physical exam, treadmill (sub max HR), Resting 12 lead EKG, Muscular Strength,	Unknown	Originated in an MOU	The city does not receive the results for any physicals or if they are" fit for duty."	Yes (HR and the Fire Department share the cost)

¹ No response was received from the following municipalities: Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Detroit, Charlotte, Phoenix

Municipality	Annual Evaluation ?	What is covered?	Mandatory ?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement ?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
	all members to get a physical at their doctor (covered by insurance) or the City of Dayton of Dayton-operated employee health center (DOC) if they do not fall into the 1/3 eligible for the current year.	Vision/Hearing testing, Flexibility testing, Urinalysis, Waist/Hip ratio, Pulmonary Function test, Body Fat (BIA)				
Indianapolis, Indiana	Yes, annual medical and fitness physical exams.	General physical exam, blood tests, urinalysis, vision test, hearing screening, pulmonary function test, EKG. The wellness facility will cover the cost of low-dose chest x-ray for each firefighter that requests to be referred for the x-ray. Additionally, body fat testing, flexibility and strength testing, exercise prescriptions and training.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Louisville, Kentucky	The department, through our Occupational Health provider,	Pulmonary function test, HFIT (fecal), Written medical opinion (single or multi-exposure),	Yes	Yes	Once the exam is reviewed by the department surgeon, a “fit for duty” form is sent to	Yes

Municipality	Annual Evaluation ?	What is covered?	Mandatory ?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement ?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
	conducts a mandatory annual medical assessment for all members except non-hazardous duty staff.	Written medical opinion for respirator use, EKG, Audio, Vision, Medical exam report, Lab report (comprehensive metabolic panel), Lab report (CBC), Urinalysis, Lipid panel, PSA, Chest X-Ray, FF exam.			leadership for their records.	
Lexington, Kentucky	Yes, conducted annually	Follow the recommendations of NFPA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toledo, Ohio	The department provides a biannual physical for our specialty teams.	General physical exam, blood tests, urinalysis, vision test, hearing screening, pulmonary function test, EKG, Chest X-ray, comprehensive cancer screening, heavy metal screening.	Mandatory as long as the member is part of a specialty team.	Unknown	The results are shared with the department that the member is "fit for duty", as the cost for the biannual screening is covered by the City.	Yes
Nashville, Tennessee	Yes, exams are scheduled periodically for fitness evaluations as directed under metro rules. These evaluations are typically performed annually.	General physical exam, blood tests, urinalysis, vision test, hearing screening, pulmonary function test, EKG, Heavy Metal Screening (HazMat team). Annual chest x-rays are not performed. The medical exam is expected to alert	Yes	No. It is covered under Metro's Civil Service provisions.	The Department is notified if the evaluation indicates the employee is not fit for duty.	Yes

Municipality	Annual Evaluation ?	What is covered?	Mandatory ?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement ?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
		us to abnormalities that max lead to a DX of cancer in members.				
Memphis, Tennessee	Annual medicals and cancer screenings can be done through LifeSign/Weist Clinic.	General physical exam, blood tests, urinalysis, hearing screening, pulmonary function test, EKG, Chest X-ray, comprehensive cancer screening.	Voluntary	No	No	It is covered by medical insurance.
St. Louis, Missouri	The St. Louis Fire Department has both an annual physical and a 5-year Heart and Lung physical.	5-year Heart/Lung Physical: General physical Exam w/BP, Chest X-Ray report, EKG results and copy of tracing, Blood study: Chemistry, CBC, CMP, SMA 24, PSA; Urinalysis, Basic Pulmonary Function Study, DLCO (if normalities are present), 100 Percent skin exam, Breast exam or mammogram, Occult Blood Screen or colonoscopy, Pelvic Exam with PAP, HIV Test, Hepatitis A antibody, IgG, test, Hepatitis B surface antibody	Both tests are voluntary. The annual physical is incentivized while the 5-year heart and lung is recorded by the Pension.	Unknown	The Pension office receives a full copy of the 5-year heart and lung tests conducted. The department receives documentation that the annual tests were completed, no results are submitted. The medical office may be notified of any significant finding that may render an employee unfit depending on where the testing takes place.	Both exams are fully covered by the city for members who have the City's health insurance coverage and have the testing done at one of the partnering medical facilities. If the employee chooses to have testing done with their PCP they will be responsible for the co-pay.

Municipality	Annual Evaluation?	What is covered?	Mandatory?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
		<p>test, Hepatitis C antibody test</p> <p>Annual Physical: General Physical Exam w/ BP, HIV test, Hepatitis A antibody, IgG test, Hepatitis B surface antibody test, Hepatitis C antibody test</p>				
Minneapolis, Minnesota	We do an annual “Health Fair” that covers the four basic OSHA mandated exams (Hearing, Respiratory Medical Clearance, N95 Fit Test, Mantoux). It also covers a mandatory comprehensive exam for all HAZMAT employees	<p>All Employees: General physical exam , Hearing screening, Pulmonary function test (spirometry)/resting blood pressure, Heavy Metal screening, Mantoux, Qualitative Fit Test (N95)</p> <p>HAZMAT Employees: Blood tests, Urinalysis, Vision test, EKG, Chest x-ray</p> <p>Comprehensive cancer screening – in 2025 we will offer this to all employees. This will be voluntary, and the cost is covered by the employee.</p>	Yes, with the exception of the cancer screening which is voluntary.	Yes	The City does receive the results of the Pulmonary Function Exam (“Pass,” “Respirator Use with Restrictions,” or “Not Approved for Respiratory Use.”) - Any employee who receives “Respirator Use with Restrictions,” is sent to our occupational health provider for follow-up. Any employee who receives “Not Approved for Respiratory Use,” will be immediately removed from working on a rig, and put on Administrative Leave until cleared from	<p>Yes for physical exam. The comprehensive HAZMAT Exams can be reimbursed through State Hazmat funds.</p> <p>Comprehensive cancer screening will be covered by the employee.</p>

Municipality	Annual Evaluation ?	What is covered?	Mandatory ?	Covered in a Collective Bargaining Agreement ?	Does the City receive the results?	Cost fully covered by the city?
					occupational health.	
Raleigh, North Carolina	Our Employee Health Center conducts them annually.	General physical exam, blood tests, urinalysis, vision test, hearing screening, pulmonary function test, EKG, Chest x-ray, Cancer testing (PSA for >40 y.o., CA-125 for females, optional fecal immunochemical testing for >40 y.o.)	Yes	No	All results are stored securely in the Employee Health Center electronic medical record. The City itself does not have access to results. Anyone NOT “fit for duty” is reported to the Fire Department.	Yes

In addition to the above research, the city also considered the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1582, “Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments.” The standard states: “Each medical evaluation shall include a medical history (including exposure history), physical examination, blood tests, urinalysis, vision tests, audiograms, spirometry, chest x-ray (as indicated), ECG, cancer screening (as indicated), and immunizations and infectious disease screening (as indicated).”

In order to estimate the cost of implementing an annual comprehensive exam, to include cancer testing, the City looked at several variables. First, the cost of CFD's 2019 comprehensive medical evaluation and cancer screening RFP was utilized. In 2019, CFD received a grant award in the amount of \$649,863.63. As a condition of the grant, the department was required to contribute funds equal to or greater than 10% of the award, or \$64,986.37, for a total budget of \$714,850. This budget was ultimately utilized in a competitive RFP process and for contract negotiations with the selected vendor.

In addition to considering the total cost in 2019, CFD reached out to the City of Columbus regarding the cost of their medical exam to utilize as a benchmark. While Columbus’ examination process is extensive and contains additional testing that the city is not considering at this time, CFD estimated a cost of approximately \$1,000,000 for the requested testing.

Based on the 2019 cost (adjusted for inflation) and the information received from Columbus, it is estimated that the comprehensive medical exam would cost approximately \$1,000,000. It is important to note that this cost would not be covered by the employee’s health insurance

plan, rather this cost would be an additional expenditure that must be accounted for in CFD's budget.

UPGRADE OF WORKOUT EQUIPMENT IN ALL 26 FIREHOUSES

Currently, all 26 fire stations have city issued equipment. The following list was provided by CFD, outlining the current inventory of fitness equipment across all firehouses:

1. **38** Octane fitness ellipticals. There is one elliptical in every single engine house and two in our double houses.
2. **26** Cybex Arc trainers (Stair stepper/elliptical hybrid).
3. **26** Life fitness dual cable strength and conditioning equipment.
4. **26** Treadmills (Various vendors).

Regarding the age of the equipment, CFD relayed that the Arc trainers and Life fitness equipment are over 15 years old and have been extended beyond their life cycle. Additionally, CFD stated that the treadmill replacement cycle varies, as they are based on different replacement dates and are provided by various vendors.

The following shows a variety of cost estimates across several vendors, and includes a price range that is based on the make, model, and functionality of the equipment:

Vendor 1

Equipment	Low End of Price Range	High End of Price Range
Elliptical	\$3,999.99	\$10,370.00
Adaptive Motion Trainer ²	\$11,245.00	\$14,440.00
Functional Trainer ³	\$3,198.00	\$5,030.00
Treadmill	\$2,999.00	\$12,250.00

Low Total: \$605,491.62
 Median Total: \$912,135.81
 High Total: \$1,218,780.00

Vendor 2

Equipment	Low End of Price Range	High End of Price Range
Elliptical	\$2,190.00	\$4,399.00
Adaptive Motion Trainer	\$4,099.00	\$5,499.00
Functional Trainer	\$2,429.00	\$6,800.00
Treadmill	\$1,599.00	\$6,999.99

Low Total: \$294,522.00
 Median Total: \$481,728.87
 High Total: \$668,935.74

² This piece of equipment is comparable to a Cybex Arc Trainer

³ This piece of equipment is comparable to Life Fitness Dual Cable Strength and Conditioning Equipment

Vendor 3

Equipment	Low End of Price Range	High End of Price Range
Elliptical	\$3,275.00	\$5,999.00
Adaptive Motion Trainer	\$3,275.00	\$5,999.00
Functional Trainer	\$999.99	\$5,900.00
Treadmill	\$1,999.99	\$7,000.00

Low Total: \$287,599.48

Median Total: \$503,467.74

High Total: \$719,336.00

Vendor 4 ⁴

Equipment	Low End of Price Range	High End of Price Range
Elliptical	\$2,960.00	N/A
Adaptive Motion Trainer	\$2,960.00	N/A
Functional Trainer	\$3,870.00	N/A
Treadmill	\$3,250.00	N/A

General Total: \$374,560.00

Overall Costs Across Vendors

Lowest Total	\$287,599.48
Average Low Total	\$390,543.28
Average Median Total	\$567,973.11
Average High Total	\$745,402.94
Highest Total	\$1,218,780.00

FUNDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF 15 FIREFIGHTERS AS HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHES

While there are a multitude of Certified Health and Wellness Coach programs, this report outlines the anticipated cost of several certification programs that are approved by the National Board for Health and Wellness Coaching (NBHWC), which is the gold standard for health coach certification in the United States. Due to the large number of certification programs and the large variance in cost, it may be necessary for the city to engage in a competitive process before selecting a vendor.

Primal Health Coach Institute-Primal Health Coach Certification ⁵

Overview of Program: The Primal Health Coach Institute takes a comprehensive approach to health coaching, including ancestral health and nutrition science, the art and science of coaching, and business development in its online curriculum. It is approved by the Health

⁴ Both Vendors 3 & 4 have minimal pricing information available, so these estimates are based on information of ranges online and prices off specific pieces of equipment included in submission of a recent RFP.

⁵ Source: <https://www.primalhealthcoach.com/primal-health-coach-certification/>

Coach Alliance and enrollees maintain lifetime access to all course materials and a subscription to the institute's business resource center.

Primal Health Coach Institute's program does not have any educational or professional prerequisites and can be completed entirely online and is self-paced. The institute estimates that if an enrollee spends five to seven hours a week (an average of one hour a day) working on the course, they can complete it successfully in six months.

Cost: \$4,495 per person; Approximately \$67,425 total.

Catalyst Coaching Institute Wellness Coach Certification ⁶

Overview of Program: Catalyst Coaching Institute provides a fast track-style course that is self-paced, except for a two-day live virtual training session. After the completion of 12 interactive wellness webinars, three practice coaching sessions, a practical coaching skills assessment and a final exam, enrollees earn their Certified Wellness Coach (CWC) credential. Furthermore, the lessons are highly customizable, allowing enrollees to select 10 webinars that best fit their background, interests and intended client population.

This health coach certification program doesn't have any educational or professional prerequisites. However, in order to meet NBHWC requirements for becoming a board-certified health coach, individuals must also complete the Catalyst Coaching Institute Master Certified Wellness Training.

Cost: \$1,992 (Wellness Coach Certification only); Additional \$1,568 for the Master Certified Wellness Training; Approximately \$53,400 total.

American Fitness Professionals and Associates (AFPA) Certified Master Health and Wellness Coach Program ⁷

Overview of Program: AFPA provides a comprehensive NBHWC-approved program that is 100% online and contains a mix of self-paced learning and live, cohort-based learning. The course is structured to be completed in six months or less.

This certification program does not have any educational or professional prerequisites.

Cost: \$2,848 per person; Approximately \$42,720 total.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Annual Comprehensive Firefighter Occupational Health Exams, to include a Multi-Cancer Early Detection Test

Based on the NFPA standards, comparisons amongst other municipalities across the U.S., and the City Administration's desire to ensure the health and safety of its fire department personnel, it is recommended that the City move forward with implementation of annual

⁶ Source: <https://www.catalystcoachinginstitute.com/>

⁷ Source: <https://www.afpafitness.com/product/certified-master-health-and-wellness-coach/>

comprehensive occupational health exams, to include comprehensive cancer screening, which may include multi-cancer early detection testing and/or additional screening methods. Based on the need to utilize the RFP process and to continue engaging in discussion with the Union, it is anticipated that the initial implementation of these exams would occur in FY2026.

The following are the recommended next steps:

CFD should work with the City's Procurement office to solicit competitive proposals using a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP process will allow the City to weigh the relative merits of proposals submitted by competing vendors that meet the City's quality requirements and to ensure that the feedback and concerns from the Union are taken into consideration. The RFP should contain a proposed budget to ensure that the department is able to properly account for the medical exams and testing in their annual budget. To date, CFD has met with Human Resources, Risk Management, and the Union in order to elicit feedback to assist in the drafting of the RFP.

It is recommended that the draft RFP is finalized as soon as possible to allow for public advertisement and submissions.

Proposed Milestones for the RFP Process:⁸

1. Drafting and finalization of RFP: February 1, 2025-March 1, 2025
2. Release of RFP: March 31, 2025
3. Submissions Due in Bonfire: April 21, 2025
4. City initiates negotiations with preferred Offeror: May 12, 2025
5. Notice of Award: June 16, 2025

Based on the data collected from surrounding municipalities, it is recommended that the comprehensive exams are voluntary and that the city receive a "fit for duty" determination following the annual examinations. This ensures all parties are aware that the employee has the ability to safely perform their currently assigned duties and allows the city to offer the necessary support to employees that may have medical restrictions due to a health condition. Prior to moving forward with negotiations and execution of a contract with the selected vendor, the City and the Union should meet to discuss implementing the terms and conditions of the annual comprehensive exams.⁹

Further, it is recommended that the costs of these examinations be included in CFD's budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Based on the projected RFP timeline, it is anticipated that the initial comprehensive exams will begin in FY2026. As these exams will not be covered by the employee's health insurance plan, the additional cost of the exams will need to be accounted for in CFD's operating budget.

Upgrade of Workout Equipment in all 26 Firehouses

⁸ The RFP process and discussion with the Union should occur simultaneously.

⁹ It should be noted that the City and the Union have previously met to discuss implementation of the CFD Respiratory Protection Program and Hearing Conservation Program, as required by OSHA. As such, the discussion with the Union should focus on the additional medical exams and testing that were requested by the Union.

It is recommended that additional follow up is conducted prior to moving forward with purchasing new workout equipment in all 26 Firehouses. As noted above, the cost of replacement varies greatly based on the vendor and the make/model of the equipment. The following are recommended next steps:

CFD should evaluate and appropriately document the current state of their fitness equipment to include the age, appearance, maintenance, and user experience of the existing equipment. Following that evaluation, CFD should work with their Finance team and the Office of Budget and Evaluation to better determine the budgetary impact of replacement and whether there are existing funds that can be utilized to upgrade equipment and/or whether additional funding is needed. If it is determined that additional funding is needed, CFD should request the necessary funding in the upcoming budget cycle.

Funding for Certification of 15 Firefighters as Health and Wellness Coaches

It is recommended that additional follow up is conducted prior to moving forward with funding certification of firefighters as health and wellness coaches. The following are the recommended next steps:

CFD should work with the City's Procurement office to put out a Request for Information (RFI) in order to obtain additional information regarding the various Certification programs. This will give CFD and the Union a more comprehensive overview of the options, cost, and benefits of each certification program for their consideration.

The City should engage in additional dialogue with the Union to ensure that the City Administration has a full understanding of the Union's request and the goals of certifying 15 firefighters as health and wellness coaches. It is recommended that CFD and the Union work together to establish a written process that includes selection criteria, the requirements of those that are certified, as well as other potential components that should be included in a fitness and/or wellness program for CMO's consideration.

March 12, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance:** Modifying Division 3-Building Trades to exclude the Carpenter Classification

202500460

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING Chapter 307, “Classified Compensation Schedules,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 634 to move the classification of Carpenter from Division 03 to Division D1.

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) approved a joint petition to amend the Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council bargaining unit to exclude the classification of “Carpenter”. A stipulated agreement by both parties during the next negotiation period, Appendix A of the parties’ labor agreement shall be amended, as follows, to include the classification “Carpenter”.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Latisha Hazell, Director of Human Resources

EMERGENCY

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MODIFYING Chapter 307, “Classified Compensation Schedules,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 634 to move the classification of Carpenter from Division 03 to Division D1.

WHEREAS, the State Employment Relations Board approved a joint petition from the City of Cincinnati and the Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council (“Building Trades”) to amend the Building Trades bargaining unit to exclude the classification of Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, the City and Building Trades wish to move the classification of Carpenter from the Building Trades bargaining unit to the AFSCME bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, upon approval and implementation of the new bargaining unit and division for Carpenter, the affected employees will be moved into the appropriate salary plan; and

WHEREAS, the new classification of Carpenter will be represented by Local 250 of the AFSCME bargaining unit; and

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

Section 1. That Section 634 of Chapter 307, “Classified Compensation Schedules,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) is amended to read as follows:

Division	Job Code	Classification
03	634	Carpenter
01	634	Carpenter

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 1, including updating applicable rules and regulations and policies and procedures in accordance with the modifications to the CMC provided for by this ordinance.

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 move the classification of Carpenter from Salary Division 03 – Building Trades to Salary Division D1 – AFSCME so the classification of Carpenter can be represented by AFSCME Local 250.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk

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Date: February 26, 2025

To: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW/mbh*
Subject: **Ordinance – Bus Rapid Transit Zones**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Chapter 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, “Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone,” and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, “Designated Streetcar Transit Zone,” to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2025

MODIFYING Chapter 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, “Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone,” and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, “Designated Streetcar Transit Zone,” to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (“SORTA”) is designing and constructing a bus rapid transit system in and through the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Municipal Code currently provides for bus stops in the public right-of-way but does not provide for separate bus rapid transit zones in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City and SORTA have a strong interest in promoting and protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public by designating areas for the bus rapid transit system; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to provide for the designation of bus rapid transit zones and to ensure these zones promote the safe and efficient operation of the bus rapid transit system; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new Section 723-77, “Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone,” of Chapter 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby ordained to read as follows:

Sec. 723-77. – Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone.

No person shall enter or remain upon, occupy, or use a designated bus rapid transit zone established pursuant to Section 723-26 of this Chapter for purposes other than boarding or disembarking a bus rapid transit vehicle, waiting for a bus rapid transit, or purchasing a fare. A person is in violation of this section only after having occupied a designated bus rapid transit zone for a period of time that exceeds that which is necessary to purchase a fare and to wait for, board, or disembark a bus rapid transit vehicle. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section if a person remains in a designated bus rapid transit zone after two bus rapid transit vehicles stop and the person does not board either of the bus rapid transit vehicles.

A person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both.

Section 2. That existing Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zones," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 723-26. - Designated Streetcar Transit Zones.

- (a) Streetcar Transit Zones. The Director of the Department of Transportation and Engineering may designate a streetcar station platform located in the public right-of-way as a designated streetcar transit zone, which area shall be accessible exclusively by persons for the limited purposes of boarding or deboarding a Cincinnati streetcar vehicle, waiting to board a Cincinnati streetcar vehicle, or purchasing a fare. Designated streetcar transit zones shall be clearly marked and contain readily visible signage indicating "Streetcar Transit Zone" or other similar notification.

- (b) Bus Rapid Transit Zones. The Director of the Department of Transportation and Engineering may designate a bus rapid transit station platform located in the public right-of-way as a designated bus rapid transit zone, which area shall be accessible exclusively by persons for the limited purposes of boarding or deboarding a bus rapid transit vehicle, waiting to board a bus rapid transit vehicle, or purchasing a fare. Designated bus rapid transit zones shall be clearly marked and contain readily visible signage indicating "Bus Rapid Transit Zone" or other similar notification.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.