

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202601641  
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Clifton Traffic Control Box Artwork

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on various traffic control boxes located in the Clifton neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

The Clifton Business and Professional Association (CBA) have a desire to implement public artwork to enhance the Clifton neighborhood. This project involves applying vinyl artwork wraps to existing City traffic control boxes in the public right of way. This can discourage graffiti, beautify the public sphere, and foster community pride. Three selected boxes are located along Ludlow Avenue at Clifton Avenue, Telford Avenue and Middleton Avenue.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering has guidelines for the artwork related to visual criteria and physical placement on this City infrastructure and is working closely with CBA.

Cincinnati Planning Commission approved the depiction of artwork on October 3, 2025 which will be an artistic rendering of historic photographs.

The emergency ordinance is necessary to meet the needs of CBA to begin installation in July 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering