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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

ESTABLISHING the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings.

WHEREAS, Council approved the 2025 Urban Forestry Program to be funded by assessments; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 727.16 requires an assessment equalization board to hear and determine objections to the amount or apportionment of an estimated assessment or the assessment; and

WHEREAS, at least one objection to the 2025 Urban Forestry assessment has been received; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council establishes an assessment equalization board to hear and determine objections to the amount and the apportionment of the estimated assessments for the 2025 Urban Forestry Program.

Section 2. That under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 727.16, the following disinterested freeholders are appointed to the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board (“Assessment Board”): David Rutter; Michelle Weadbrock; and Shannon Ratterman, each residing in Hamilton County outside the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That the Assessment Board shall meet at 12:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024, and continue in session, if necessary, from day to day, until all objections are heard. Said meeting shall be held in the conference room at the Cincinnati Parks Department Administration Building, located at 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or remotely as appropriate.

Section 4. That at least five days before the hearing date set forth above, the Clerk of Council shall send notice of the hearing by certified mail to all person(s) who timely filed objections to the estimated assessments for the 2025 Urban Forestry Program.

Section 5. That the Assessment Board shall report to the Council of the City of Cincinnati its recommendations including any changes which should be made to the estimated assessment upon completion of all hearings.

Section 6. 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 provide potential objectors with an opportunity to state their claims to the Assessment Board as soon as possible and prior to deadlines for Council to levy the 2025 Urban Forestry Program assessment.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk