

Legislative Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

DECLARING the need for emergency repairs that have been made to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and/or gutters at a variety of locations in the City and the need for levying assessments for the cost of such repairs on the abutting properties in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 to 721-169.

WHEREAS, Chapter 721 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code requires property owners to keep the sidewalks, sidewalk area, curbs, and gutters abutting their properties safe and in good repair; and

WHEREAS, City inspectors have documented the need for emergency sidewalk repairs adjacent to each of the properties listed in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 721-165 authorizes the City to make emergency repairs without prior notice to the abutting property owner if necessary to provide for public safety and also to bill the owner for the cost of the work; and

WHEREAS, for the Properties, the City provided prior written notice of the emergency sidewalk conditions and the need for repairs to each property owner, which included notice that failure by an owner to permanently repair an emergency condition would result in the City performing the repair at the property owner’s cost; and

WHEREAS, under Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 721-169, if a property owner fails to pay the City’s bill for the cost of the work within 30 days, the City may levy an assessment on the abutting property for the cost of the work, which shall be collected by the County Treasurer in the same manner as real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the City declares the need for emergency repairs to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, or gutters abutting the Properties and the need for the levying of an assessment, by subsequent ordinance, for the cost of the work against each such property if the property owner fails to pay the City’s bill within 30 days; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the making of emergency repairs to the sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs and/or gutters abutting certain properties at certain miscellaneous locations within the City, as identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby declared necessary for public safety in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

Section 2. That the work performed by the City shall be accomplished in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the Clerk of Council's office which are hereby approved.

Section 3. That Council finds that the City shall be responsible for two percent of the cost of the work and that the balance of the cost of the work shall be charged to the abutting property owners in the amounts shown in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 4. That a property owner who fails to pay the City's bill within 30 days shall, by subsequent ordinance, have an assessment levied upon such property for the cost of the work which shall be collected by the County Treasurer.

Section 5. That if a property owner does not pay the assessment in cash and, prior to the billing statement due date, does not indicate to the Director of the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering the property owner's election to pay the assessment over three, five, or ten years, the City shall assess the property for a period of three years. The interest rate charged shall correspond to the City-adopted rates in effect at the time Council passes the assessing ordinance for the respective property. The 2023 rates are 7.18% for three years, 6.94% for five years, and 6.79% for ten years. Assessments not timely paid shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection by the County Treasurer in the same manner as real estate taxes are collected.

Section 6. That notice of the passage of this resolution shall be given pursuant to Chapter 729 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 721.153 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 7. That this legislative resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk