

April 2, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Black Music Walk of Fame
Pedestrian Wayfinding Donation From Hamilton County**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$24,252 from Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343, “Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn.,” to provide resources to the City for the design, fabrication and installation of 23 pedestrian wayfinding maps and directional signs that have been updated to include the Black Music Walk of Fame, which are installed throughout the riverfront area, as well as the neighborhoods of Downtown, Over-The-Rhine, Mt. Adams, and the West End; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343, “Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$24,252 from Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343 “Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn.” The purpose of this donation is to provide resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of 23 updated pedestrian wayfinding maps and directional signs to include the Black Music Walk of Fame. The Black Music Walk of Fame is installed throughout the riverfront area, as well as the neighborhoods of Downtown, Over-The-Rhine, Mt. Adams, and the West End. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into the capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343 “Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn.”

The City of Cincinnati is home to the Black Music Walk of Fame, which Hamilton County constructed at the Banks to celebrate the legacy and untold stories of music artists, songwriters, producers, and musicians from Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and Southwest Ohio. The original pedestrian wayfinding maps and signs predated the creation of the Black Music Walk of Fame. The City has already updated the pedestrian wayfinding maps to include the Black Music Walk of Fame, so that visitors could more easily make their way to this important landmark. The donation from Hamilton County will reimburse the City for the fabrication and installation of the 23 new pedestrian wayfinding signs.

Accepting a donation from Hamilton County to update pedestrian wayfinding maps and directional signs to include the Black Music Walk of Fame is in accordance with the “Live” goals to “[b]uild a robust public life” and “[c]reate a more livable community” as well as the strategies to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” and to “[b]ecome more walkable” as described on pages 147-159 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation as a reimbursement to the City for spending that has already occurred.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment