

**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

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**An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

-2024

**ADOPTING** a Council Code of Conduct pursuant to Section 101-45, "Code of Conduct," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to govern conduct by Councilmembers and their staff.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, Council passed Ordinance 384-2020, establishing the Economic Development Reform Panel ("EDRP"), with a mission of studying the City's development process and making recommendations regarding best practices regarding economic development to insulate the development process from political influence and cronyism; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, the EDRP submitted its report and recommendations to Council, which included that Council and the Mayor adopt and abide by Codes of Conduct setting out expected behaviors for elected officials particularly in relation to the development process; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, Council amended Chapter 101 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to create new Section 101-45, "Code of Conduct," to require City Council to adopt and abide by a code of conduct as recommended by the EDRP; and

WHEREAS, the attached Code of Conduct contains guidelines to promote the aspirational goals of good, open government; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to adopt the attached Code of Conduct for members of Council and their staff; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 101-45, Council approves and adopts the attached Council Code of Conduct which will govern the conduct of members of Council and their staff.

Section 2. 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 put Codes of Conduct in place as required by Section 101-45

of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to govern the behavior of elected officials and their staff in order to restore public trust.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk