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## **Motion: Eliminating Street Takeovers on Cincinnati Streets**

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With the massive street takeover this past weekend, someone is going to be seriously hurt or killed unless further measures are put in place to prevent this type of activity in the future.

Therefore, WE MOVE that the administration produce a report in the next 30 days on the following:

- A recommendation for an ordinance that establishes a civil fine, authorizes the impoundment of vehicles for a minimum of six months, and requires the offender to cover all impoundment costs.
- Report on when CPD has brought charges under the 2024 Ohio Street takeover law (ORC 4511.251) and include information on the results of those criminal proceedings.
- Other policy choices City Council can make to eliminate street takeovers.

### **STATEMENT**

On Saturday, March 14, ~100 vehicles organized in Cincinnati for a street takeover. In fact, it was advertised on social media (attached). The Cincinnati Police Department arrested 50 individuals with guns recovered. 58 cars were impounded, of which only 9 were registered to an individual within the city limits (3 from Madisonville, 2 from Westwood, 2 from Price Hill, 1 from Saylor Park, 1 from Spring Grove Village). 39 were outside of city limits but Ohio (Columbus, Troy, Cleveland, Fairfield, Sunbury, Reynoldsburg), 7 from Kentucky, 1 from Indiana, 1 from Illinois and 1 from Texas.

Other cities, such as Louisville, have successfully clamped down on street takeovers. In Louisville, they have instituted higher civil fines of up to \$1,000 for the first offense and \$2,000 for repeat offenses and allow police to seize and hold vehicles involved for up to 6 months creating a major financial penalty due to towing and storage costs. This has resulted in a significant reduction on street takeovers.

The advertisement on social media and the fact that 85% of the cars impounded were from individuals outside of Cincinnati clearly shows that some view Cincinnati as a destination for this type of dangerous activity. We must do what we can to prevent further street takeovers especially as we enter the warmer months.