

October 11, 2022

Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by amending the provisions of Sections 1427-26 “Sandwich Board Sign Regulations,” 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review,” and 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Summary:

In 2021 the issue of sandwich board regulations in Urban Design Overlay Districts (UDODs) was first raised by the Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MWCURC) after several business owners began receiving citations for their sandwich board signs. In early 2022 Vice Mayor Kearney sponsored a proposed text amendment drafted by the Law Department in partnership with the Department of City Planning and Engagement to provide language permitting sandwich board signs in UDODs that choose to allow them, and then applying those revised regulations to Mt. Washington. In August of 2022 the approval process officially began.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on September 16, 2022 to City Council:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by amending the provisions of Sections 1427-26 “Sandwich Board Sign Regulations,” 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review,” and 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Sessler

Ayes:

Mr. Stallworth
Mr. Eby
Ms. Kearney
Mr. Samad
Ms. Sessler
Mr. Weber

Seconded: Mr. Samad

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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