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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

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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") to review the City's development process and recommend best practices to reduce political influence and cronyism; and

WHEREAS, the EDRP's July 29, 2021 report recommended that Council and the Mayor adopt and abide by codes of conduct governing elected officials' conduct in the development process; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, Council amended Chapter 101 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to add Section 101-45, "Code of Conduct," requiring Council to adopt and abide by a code of conduct consistent with the EDRP recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 101-45 requires each incoming Council to review and adopt a new code of conduct within 45 days after being sworn into office; and

WHEREAS, the attached Code of Conduct sets forth principles and guidelines intended to promote the aspirational goals of good, open government, consistent with the recommendations proposed by the EDRP; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to adopt the attached Code of Conduct, applicable to 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 Cincinnati Municipal Code
Section 101-45 to govern the behavior of elected officials and their staff and maintain public trust.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk