

Date: October 30, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Updating the Cincinnati Municipal Code for Complete Streets

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Chapter 507, “One-Way Streets,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by
ORDAINING new Section 507-4, “Contra-Flow and Limited Access Lanes,” and by
AMENDING Section 507-1, “One-Way Streets and Alleys,” to allow for the City Manager
to designate lanes on two-way streets as limited to specific vehicles so as to provide for
Complete Streets in the City of Cincinnati.

As part of Complete Streets, there are instances when DOTE will want to add contra-flow lanes for non-motorized or transit vehicles to existing one-way streets or convert two-way streets to one-way for motor vehicle traffic while maintaining two-way for non-motorized or transit vehicles. This update to the Municipal Code will clarify the legality of installing contra-flow lanes.

An emergency clause is needed as various contra-flow lanes have already been installed and this will clarify the legality of those streets.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering