City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

CALENDAR

Cincinnati City Council

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | **2:00 PM** | **Council Chambers, Room 300**

REVISED

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FILING OF THE JOURNAL

MAYOR AFTAB

1. 202500257 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Chaka Powell to the Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio Board of Directors for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

2. 202500258 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Pradeep Bekal to the board of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/ A)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

3. 202500259 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Ashlee Young, MPH to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

4. 202500260 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Jennifer W. Forrester, MD to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

5. 202500261 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Greg Long as the City's representative to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its

advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

MS. KEARNEY

6. 202500328 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

Recommendation HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Kearney

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MS. ALBI

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. OWENS

MR. WALSH

7. 202500351 **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson, Owens, and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Kearney, Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Johnson, Owens and Walsh

MS. OWENS

8. 202500334 **RESOLUTION,** submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Yolande Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni Jr. as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her bold unapologetic activism and support of the Black community.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Owens

MR. WALSH

9. 202500344 **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Miles Robinson as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his leadership and commitment to using his platform for positive impact both on and off the field.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Walsh

MR. JEFFREYS

10. 202500335 **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Jeffreys

MS. OWENS

MR. NOLAN

MR. WALSH

11. 202500354 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Nolan, and Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to devise a strategy for protecting native plant/pollinator gardens in the City of Cincinnati. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Owens, Nolan and Walsh

CITY MANAGER

Environmental Advisory Board

12. 202500266 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Douglas Walton to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (MALE, BIPOC)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

13. 202500271 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Monica Perdomo to the Environmental

Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (FEMALE, BIPOC)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

14. 202500272 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Nayana Shah to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete the current term ending in December 2026. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (FEMALE, BIPOC)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

15. 202500273 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Dave Schmitt to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (MALE, WHITE)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

16. 202500276 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Ericka Copeland to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (FEMALE, BIPOC)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

17. 202500278 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Van Sullivan to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete the current term ending in December 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (TRANS NONBINARY, WHITE)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: City Manager

18. 202500315 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Emmy Schroder to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete a three year term from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female, White)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

19. 202500298 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Sete LLC, DBA Feys Supermarket, 3441 Beekman Street 1st fl. (#8007021, C1 C2 D6, Stck) [Objections: None]

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

20. 202500299 **REPORT,** dated 2/26/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Good Wares Design LLC, DBA High St, 1401 Reading Road. (#3306614, TFOL, D1 D2 D3) [Objections: Yes]

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

21. 202500300 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Drunken Amigos LLC, DBA Drunken Tacos, 200 W McMillan. (#2317524, TRFO, D5 D6) [Objections: None]

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

22. 202500301 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Pumpkin Chuck 2025.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

23. 202500302 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Taking Drug Court Beyond the Steps of the Courthouse.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

24. 202500305 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Heart Mini Marathon 2025.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

25. 202500314 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Capital Projects Funding Request. (Reference Document #202500204)

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

26. 202500316 **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager and Long

27. 202500317 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **ESTABLISHING** the salary schedules and classification titles for the classifications of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist by enacting Sections 297 and 298 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

28. 202500319 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to $250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to $250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate of $27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

29. 202500321 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **APPROVING** the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

Recommendation CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

30. 202500353 **REPORT**, dated 2/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding traffic enforcement. (Reference Document #202402419)

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

CLERK OF COUNCIL

31. 202500352 **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Bobbi Dillon, Procter & Gamble Company, Senior Manager, 1 P&G Plaza, C9-247, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY)

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

32. 202500287 **MOTION,** submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the Administration share a plan within 60 days for benchmarking Development Performance Measures or other regional peer cities (e.g. Blue Ash, Florence, Norwood). (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation ADOPT

Sponsors: Jeffreys

33. 202500267 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **ESTABLISHING** the City's human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2027, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years; **ESTABLISHING** a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding; **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council's priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead; **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that applications that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, should instead apply for human services funding; and **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that future Impact Awards categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Owens

34. 202500269 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and any other organization tasked with evaluating applications for the City's human services funding in FY 2026 to include an Impact Award that addresses food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention priority.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Albi

35. 202500318 **ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of $10,000 within the General Fund from Councilmember Owens' General

Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 to Councilmember Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200 to realign the office budget for Councilmember Owens.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Owens

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

36. 202500200 **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 1125, "Vacant Building Registration," to provide a system for the registration of vacant buildings in the City, and **MODIFYING** Chapter 1501, "Code Compliance and Hearings," by **AMENDING** Section 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses" and Section 1501-9(b), "Class D Civil Offenses" to correct a clerical error and add violations of Section 1125-17 to Section 1501-3 and Section 1501-9(b).

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Jeffreys

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment

2025 00257

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Feb 2025

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Chaka Powell to the Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio Board of Directors for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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2025 00250

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Feb 2025

REAPPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Pradeep Bekal to the board of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority for a term of four years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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20250 00259

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Feb 2025

REAPPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Ashlee Young, MPH to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

202500260

Feb 2025

REAPPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Jennifer W. Forrester, MD to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Feb 2025

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Greg Long as the City's representative to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

20250037 8

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MSH

Subject: **Ordinance – Street Renaming – Jim Scott Way**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **DECLARING** that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

EESW/AEP(dbr)
Attachment
415624

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

AEP
EESW/MBH

An Ordinance No._____ -2025

DECLARING that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as a spokesperson for the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade, leading the annual press conference each year and marching in the parade for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a Cincinnati radio legend with more than forty years on the airwaves and served as the voice of several generations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a public servant and volunteer, helping to raise funds and awareness for local charities and organizations including the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, Cincinnati Public Radio, Cincinnati United Way, the March of Dimes, Big Brother Big Sisters, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was recognized with many awards, including being named a "Community Hero" by the United States Olympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2024 Findlay Market Opening Day Parade where he rode the parade route in a convertible alongside his wife, Donna, with thousands of fans holding signs saying, "We love you, Jim"; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott welcomed every person in Cincinnati to come together in celebration of our town and the incredible event that is Opening Day in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott never forgot a face or a name and will be remembered for his brightness and his kindness; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as "Jim Scott Way" in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Jim Scott via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. 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 allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202500351

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Vice Mayor Jean-Michelle Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem and Councilmember Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MSH

Subject: **Resolution – Recognizing Annie Ruth Napier**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

> **RECOGNIZING** Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

EESW/MSS(dmm)
Attachment
415852

MSS

EESW/MEH

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Annie Ruth Napier is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has dedicated over four decades of her life to enriching the City of Cincinnati through her work as a visual artist, poet, author, advocate, and community leader, including serving as the president of the Roselawn Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier has earned both national and international recognition for her artistic works and expressions that hope to foster unity, empower youth, and promote the arts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier is a proud alumna of the Cincinnati Public Schools, having graduated from Aiken High School, and has served as a community leader in the City and the President of her own fine art company; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves, having served for eight years, and earned several honors and commendations for her service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier has been a devoted and unwavering advocate for social justice, reading literacy, and self-empowerment, working to uplift and empower women and bringing the arts to youth and underserved communities; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. Napier through the office of President Pro Tem and Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed: _____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jean-Michelle Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem and Councilmember Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202500334

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Councilmember Meeka Owens

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MEH

Subject: **Resolution – Recognizing Nikki Giovanni**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

> **RECOGNIZING** Yolande Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni Jr. as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her bold, unapologetic activism and support of the Black community.

EESW/KKF(dmm)
Attachment
415890

KKF
EESW/MSH

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Yolande Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni Jr. as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her bold, unapologetic activism and support of the Black community.

WHEREAS, Nikki Giovanni was born June 7, 1943, in Knoxville, Tennessee, and shortly after her birth her family relocated to historic Lincoln Heights and bought their home in 1952 where, as a child, Ms. Giovanni gained her renowned name, Nikki, from her eldest sister, Gary Ann; and

WHEREAS, Nikki returned to Tennessee in 1964 to attend Fisk University and obtain her undergraduate degree in history, afterwards returning back to Cincinnati, which she always knew as home; and

WHEREAS, after the deaths of some very close to Nikki, she published her first volume, Black Feeling Black Talk, shortly after which her career took off; and

WHEREAS, Nikki received several invitations to speak and read from The New York Times and Amsterdam News, received the key to the Village of Lincoln Heights (one of several keys to cities she would receive), was inducted as an Honorary Member into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and received a Life Membership and Scroll from the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); and

WHEREAS, Nikki settled her life in Blacksburg, Virginia, where she taught English at Virginia Tech and met her partner, Virginia Fowler, and they were married in 2016, after which Nikki continued to teach until 2022 when she retired; and

WHEREAS, Nikki was a poet, writer, children's writer, activist, and a public intellectual who stood against all odds placed in front of her, including during the Civil Rights Movement when Nikki was a star of the Black Arts Movement, a wave of black nationalism during the Civil Rights era; and;

WHEREAS, Nikki passed away on December 9, 2024, from complications related to lung cancer; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Yolande Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni Jr. as a 2025 Black History Month honoree for her fearlessness, activism, and courage for the Black community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Yolande Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni Jr. through the office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202500344

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Councilmember Seth Walsh

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MSH

Subject: **Resolution – Recognizing Miles Robinson**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

> **RECOGNIZING** Miles Robinson as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his leadership and commitment to using his platform for positive impact both on and off the field.

EESW/IMD(dmm)
Attachment
415926

IMD
EESW/MEH

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Miles Robinson as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his leadership and commitment to using his platform for positive impact both on and off the field.

WHEREAS, Miles Robinson joined FC Cincinnati in 2024 and will return for his second season this year; and

WHEREAS, in his debut season with FC Cincinnati, Mr. Robinson emerged as a team leader and was named a 2024 MLS All-Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has represented the United States in international competitions since 2016 and has been consistently called up to the United States Men's National Team since 2019; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, Mr. Robinson was named captain of the United States Men's National Team for the first time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson made history as the first FC Cincinnati player to compete in the Olympics when he was selected for the United States Men's National Team roster for the 2024 Paris Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is a dedicated advocate for racial justice and an active leader in Black Players for Change ("BPC"), an organization of Black players, coaches, and staff across Major League Soccer committed to addressing racial injustice both on and off the pitch; and

WHEREAS, through his work with BPC, Mr. Robinson has contributed to impactful initiatives, including campaigns addressing water rights, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and a wide range of Juneteenth programs in partnership with MLS and Adidas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was a prominent face in the When We All Vote civic engagement campaign, a partnership involving the Black Women's Player Collective, United Black Players, BPC, U.S. Soccer, the NWSL, the USL, the NWSLPA, and USLPA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and an unwavering commitment to uplifting the Black community; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Miles Robinson as a 2025 Black History Month honoree for his leadership and commitment to using his platform for positive impact both on and off the field.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Miles Robinson through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202500335

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MGH

Subject: **Ordinance – Bus Rapid Transit Zones**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **MODIFYING** Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

EESW/JRS(dmm)
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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No._____ - 2025

MODIFYING Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority ("SORTA") is designing and constructing a bus rapid transit system in and through the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Municipal Code currently provides for bus stops in the public right-of-way but does not provide for separate bus rapid transit zones in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City and SORTA have a strong interest in promoting and protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public by designating areas for the bus rapid transit system; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to provide for the designation of bus rapid transit zones and to ensure these zones promote the safe and efficient operation of the bus rapid transit system; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," of Chapter 723," Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby ordained to read as follows:

Sec. 723-77. – Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone.

No person shall enter or remain upon, occupy, or use a designated bus rapid transit zone established pursuant to Section 723-26 of this Chapter for purposes other than boarding or deboarding a bus rapid transit vehicle, waiting for a bus rapid transit, or purchasing a fare. A person is in violation of this section only after having occupied a designated bus rapid transit zone for a period of time that exceeds that which is necessary to purchase a fare and to wait for, board, or deboard a bus rapid transit vehicle. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section if a person remains in a designated bus rapid transit zone after two bus rapid transit vehicles stop and the person does not board either of the bus rapid transit vehicles.

A person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be fined not more than $250 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both.

Section 2. That existing Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zones," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 723-26. - Designated ~~Streetcar~~ Transit Zones.

(a) Streetcar Transit Zones. The Director of the Department of Transportation and Engineering may designate a streetcar station platform located in the public right-of-way as a designated streetcar transit zone, which area shall be accessible exclusively by persons for the limited purposes of boarding or deboarding a Cincinnati streetcar vehicle, waiting to board a Cincinnati streetcar vehicle, or purchasing a fare. Designated streetcar transit zones shall be clearly marked and contain readily visible signage indicating "Streetcar Transit Zone" or other similar notification.

(b) Bus Rapid Transit Zones. The Director of the Department of Transportation and Engineering may designate a bus rapid transit station platform located in the public right-of-way as a designated bus rapid transit zone, which area shall be accessible exclusively by persons for the limited purposes of boarding or deboarding a bus rapid transit vehicle, waiting to board a bus rapid transit vehicle, or purchasing a fare. Designated bus rapid transit zones shall be clearly marked and contain readily visible signage indicating "Bus Rapid Transit Zone" or other similar notification.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

City of Cincinnati

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Email: meeka.owens@cincinnati-oh.gov
Web: www.cincinnati-oh.gov

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Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

February 25th, 2025

Protections for Native Plant/Pollinator Gardens

WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to devise a strategy for protecting native plant/pollinator gardens in the City of Cincinnati.

FURTHER WE MOVE that through this report there is a substantial review of Section 731 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to identify where there could be revisions made to support citizens and the native plant gardens.

FURTHER WE MOVE that this report provides a general definition of what a native plant/pollinator garden is; how native plant/pollinator gardens should be maintained; and how native plant/pollinator gardens should be recognized.

FURTHER WE MOVE that the following city departments, and all other seen fit, be consulted during this formation of this report: Cincinnati Parks Department, Office of Environment and Sustainability, Law Department, Department of Building and Inspections.

Meeka D. Owens

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

Evan Nolan

Councilmember Evan Nolan

Seth Walsh

Councilmember Seth Walsh

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STATEMENT

My office over the past few months has received multiple calls and letters from community members from multiple neighborhoods who want to see their native plants protected more, and for their overgrowth of native plants to have greater protections from the code enforcement process.

In the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan, we outline the goal to increase green spaces so that every resident has a green space within a half mile walk by 2028, one of the strategies to achieve that is by increasing biodiversity and health of native species in the city. We state one of the priority actions as to "support pollinator gardens, native plants, and education, including allowing the use of native grasses and pollinator plants in residential areas, and Low-Mow or No-Mow practices."

To this point we have outlined that this City stands in support of native plants and pollinator gardens. This motion acts as a step to ensure that we identify solutions for our residents going forward.

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 20, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500266

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Douglas Walton

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The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of Douglas Walton to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025.

Mr. Walton's resume is attached for your consideration.

Douglas Walton

[redacted]

Work Experience:

Angel Investor, Cincinnati, Ohio **2018-present**

I have invested in over 55 startup companies and real estate projects hours 20 to 40 salary varies per deal there is no set return on your investments
Advised companies on finance, marketing, sales, operations, human resources, expansion
Helped companies to find additional investors to invest in their businesses
Participated in social media campaigns to promote startups

United States Census Bureau

350 East 4th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202 United States
07/2020 - 10/2020

Hours per week: 40 to 55 salary 75,000

Census Field Supervisor

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:
Supervised census workers, monitor their progress and performance, and ensure that the quality of work is maintained and that work is completed on time.
Approved payroll for census workers and did the initial training for census takers
Performed corrective training as needed
Helped run the local census call center

Fifth Third Bank
5050 Kingsley Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45227 United States
07/2019 - 07/2020

Hours per week: 40 salary 55,000

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills

Enter pre-qualifications and applications in the Loan Origination system.
Evaluate loan options with the Loan Consultant that adhere to product and credit guidelines
Identify loan adjustments and execute change of circumstance in the loan origination system
Assure all components to the file are ordered, copied and included in the loan package prior to processing
Work with customers to set expectations including but not limited to rate inquires, appointments, loans.

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority

1627 Western Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45214 United States
01/2018 - 07/2019

Hours per week: 55 salary 55,000

Assistant Property Manager

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

Assist the Property Manager in establishing work schedules and assigning work as required to
Maintain efficient use of the management staff time to complete a variety of reports and recommend corrective action as appropriate
Ensure accurate and timely completion of all letters, memos, and notices
Work closely with other CMHA departments and administrative personnel to effectively plan and Implement programs at assigned properties
Inspect apartments for move-ins, move outs, annual HQS and housekeeping

Humana Insurance

111 Merchant St,
Cincinnati, OH 45246 United States
08/2014 - 01/2018
Hours per week: 40 salary 50,000

Referral Intake Specialist, Referral Specialist, Pharmacy Customer Service

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

Educate customers, providers and employers about Humana's products and services over the telephone
Receive, document and resolve customer inquiries by using established best practices
Place orders to help customers receive the lifesaving medications that they need
Meet or exceed production goals on a weekly basis
Connected members in the Humana at Home service to their Care Manager for continued care
Researched contacted and engaged members from several multiple sources such as CGX, HCAT, CCP2, IMP and Authorizations
Received Certificate of Recognition for top production for the month of January 2015

NLB Services/Cognizant
10401 Highland Manor Dr
Tampa, FL 33610 United States
01/2013 - 01/2014
Hours per week: 50 salary 75,000

Referral Manager

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

Supported and used SharePoint, or similar technology, to facilitate TRICARE Support project management and deliverables
Coordinated with patient referral database and excel spreadsheets to manage the referral process for evaluations and procedures
Entered appropriate and accurate data in a timely manner within a nationwide healthcare accepted system/database
Trained new employees on the office operations

United States Army

9211 Marina Bay Dr Tampa, FL 33621 United States
08/2011 - 11/2012
Hours per week: 50 salary 45,000

Targeting Officer

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

Researched and assisted in the creation of analytically advanced target graphics

Utilized a variety of analytical tools, classified and open source data to gather and organize large amounts of multi-intelligence derived data
Assisted with the development of intelligence collection requirements and liaise with Collection Manager to accurately develop targeting products
Researched target rich environments in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Yemen
Supervisor: Sargent Major Michael Paige (813-297-5232)
Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

Education:
Florida State University Tallahassee, FL United States
Master's degree 8 /2003
GPA: 3.0 of a maximum 4.0
Major: International Affairs
University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH United States
Bachelor's degree 6/2001
Major:
Finance Minor: Real Estate

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 20, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500271

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Monica Perdomo

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The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of Monica Perdomo to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025.

Ms. Perdomo's resume is attached for your consideration.

Monica Perdomo

[redacted]

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

A well-rounded, highly experienced business professional with a robust international business, marketing, vendor relations, sales, product development, and project management background with over 20 years of experience. Adept at managing cross-functional teams, driving business growth, and developing long-term, collaborative partnerships. Known for creativity, strategic thinking, and problem-solving skills in fast-paced, high-stakes environments. Fluent in Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EDGE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES — *Wilder, KY*

Inside Sales Representative | *July 2019 – June 2020*
Manufacturer of industrial machine knives used in packaging, processing, printing, and converting.

- Managed vital accounts nationally and internationally, tailoring solutions to customer needs.
- Collaborated with Regional and Territory Sales Managers to implement sales strategies and meet objectives.
- Provided exceptional problem-solving and engineering support to clients, maintaining strong relationships.
- Contributed insights on customer purchasing patterns to enhance sales strategies and deepen client engagement.

COOLANT CONTROL INC. — *Cincinnati, OH*

Diversity Marketing Manager | *March 2016 – January 2019*
Manufacturer of industrial lubricants and chemicals.

- Increased sales leads by 90% through national prospecting and expanding tier-two accounts.
- I developed and nurtured relationships with minority-owned corporations (Honda, Toyota, Dana, etc.).
- Collaborated with the Director of Marketing on bids and proposals to increase minority supplier diversity.
- Reported quarterly on minority spending initiatives, ensuring compliance with corporate diversity goals.

THE VERDIN COMPANY — *Cincinnati, OH*

International Product Manager | *October 1999 – November 2018*
Manufacturer of bells, carillons, clocks, and memorial products.

- Led international sales efforts in Mexico, Central/South America, and Asia, focusing on churches, municipalities, and commercial markets.
- Created bilingual sales materials and brochures tailored to Spanish and Asian markets.
- Managed product design, customer service, order fulfillment, and post-sale support for monument products.
- Recruited and trained sales representatives, expanding brand presence in international territories.

AUTO-VEHICLE PARTS COMPANY — *Cold Spring, KY*

International Sales Manager | *June 2013 – October 2013*
Global distributor of body hardware and specialty fasteners.

- Developed and managed distributor relationships across global markets.
- Led sales efforts to increase international market share, negotiating terms with global partners.

BUSH TRUCK LEASING INC. — *Mason, OH*

Corporate Division Manager | *May 2007 – September 2009*
An industry leader in truck leasing and maintenance services.

- Led budgeting, forecasting, and strategic planning for the region's growth
- I negotiated $50 million in accounts, grew sales by 110%, successfully expanded the territory, and managed and developed leasing portfolios in the Southeast U.S., overseeing 3,000 leases.

TOTES>>ISOTONER — *Cincinnati, OH*

International Buyer | *September 1998 – June 1999*
Manufacturer of weather-related accessories.

- Managed coordinating new product lines for retail distribution in the U.S., Canada, France, and the UK by working closely with designers and vendors to ensure product specifications were met for labeling and packaging.
- Resolved logistical issues and expedited critical orders across international supply chains.

DIRECT SOURCE INTERNATIONAL INC. — *Cincinnati, OH*

Marketing Account Manager | *May 1997 – June 1998*
Distributor of nonperishable products from Asia to U.S. grocery markets.

- Managed vital accounts (Bunzl Baskets, Mr. Coffee) and collaborated on category development and merchandising.
- Conducted vendor selection, ordered samples, and monitored shipping and quality control.

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL INC. — *Cincinnati, OH*

Projects Operations Manager | *June 1994 – April 1997*
Global producer and distributor of fresh fruit and processed food products.

- Project Manager, Great White Fleet Division
- Senior Assistant, Finance & Treasury
- Telecommunication Service Representative, Great White Fleet Division

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati, Ohio
Bachelor of Business Administration in International Marketing and Management (Double Degree)

Dale Carnegie Training, Ohio
Sales Advantage Course and Building Relationships Certification

American College of Musicians
Certification, National Piano Playing Audition, National Member

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Board of Directors & Membership Services, *Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati* (since 1998)
- Appointed Civic Leadership Academy; March 2, 2024
- V. Anthony Simms-Howell Founding Member Award for 23 Years of Excellence; November, 2019
- Honored by the U.S. Department of Commerce for success in exporting and international negotiations across 45 countries

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 13, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Nayana Shah

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The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of Nayana Shah to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete the current term ending in December 2026.

Ms. Shah's resume is attached for your consideration.

Contact

[redacted]

Top Skills

Scientific Research
Regenerative Design
Systems Thinking

Languages

English
Spanish
Marathi
Hindi

Nayana Shah

Conscious, Compassionate, and Creative Living || Theoretical Quantum Physicist || Founder | Facilitator | Activist | Public Speaker || Let us co-create the world we envision!
Cincinnati, Ohio, United States

Summary

Dr. Nayana Shah is an international scientist –a theoretical quantum physicist– dedicated to living a conscious, compassionate and creative life illuminated by a constant inquiry of truth. Using the quantum laws of physics, her research seeks to understand how different phases and properties of matter emerge in a collection of many particles interacting with each other under different conditions. That quest is also to identify the universalities within the diversity.

Experience

Parliament of the World's Religions
Member Board of Trustees
2024 - Present (less than a year)

The vision of the Parliament of the World’s Religions is of a just, peaceful, and sustainable world in which:

-Religious and spiritual communities live in harmony and contribute to a better world from their riches of wisdom and compassion.
-Religious and cultural fears and hatreds are replaced with understanding and respect. People everywhere come to know and care for their neighbors.
-The richness of human and religious diversity is woven into the fabric of communal, civil, societal, and global life.
-The world’s most powerful and influential institutions move beyond narrow self-interest to realize common good.
-The Earth and all life are cherished, protected, healed, and restored. All people commit to living out their highest values and aspirations.

Cincinnati Permaculture Institute
Member Board of Directors | Chair of Education Committee
December 2023 - Present (11 months)
Cincinnati, Ohio, United States

~Educating our region about Regenerative and Resilient Living to build a Perennially Mutualistic Culture~

CPI's Mission:

To educate individuals and organizations on Permaculture in order to catalyze a resilient culture in the Cincinnati Bioregion. Leveraging symbiotic opportunities for practical regenerative results.

CPI's Vision:

Our diverse community builds its own resilient future; one plant, one person, one community at a time.

Washington University in St. Louis
Research Scientist
2009 - Present (15 years)

Affiliated (Honorary) Physics Faculty Member. Declined the regular tenure-track professor offer due to dual career reasons.
Design and perform research in theoretical quantum condensed matter theory with a focus on strongly correlated, mesoscopic and nano-scale quantum matter/systems. Often involves (international) collaborations and mentoring of junior researchers.

CinciNNI
Co-founder | Co-Organizer | Co-Facilitator
2010 - Present (14 years)
Cincinnati, Ohio, United States

CinciNNI: Cincinnati Near Neighbor Interactions.
It is a quantum condensed matter theory forum structured around one day events typically held few times a year, involving researchers as well their graduate students and postdocs from tri-state universities. Regularly participating universities include Indiana University, Indiana Purdue University at Indianapolis, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Purdue University, University of Cincinnati, and University of Kentucky.

Women in Physics and Beyond
Founder | Organizer | Facilitator
2010 - Present (14 years)

The group was awarded a 'Women in Physics Grant' for the year 2016-2017 from the American Physical Society's Committee on the Status of Women in Physics.

Originally the group started as an an in-person group. On the International Women's Day, March 8, 2024 the corresponding Linkedin Group was opened up to the larger community going beyond the original members.

Heärt Montessori School
Co-founder and Advisory Board Member
2017 - December 2023 (6 years)
Cincinnati, USA

Experimental/Model School

University of Cincinnati
Physics Faculty Member
2009 - 2017 (8 years)
Cincinnati, USA

As a physics professor, led a research program in theoretical quantum condensed matter physics. Supervised and mentored graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. Designed and taught graduate level core courses as well as advanced courses (e.g. advanced statistical physics, many body theory). Also taught large service courses in introductory physics to undergraduate students outside the physics department.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Postdoctoral Research Associate in Condensed Matter Physics
2006 - 2009 (3 years)
Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Area

University of Cologne
Postdoctoral Fellow at Institute for Theoretical Physics
2004 - 2006 (2 years)
Cologne, Germany

ETH Zurich
Postdoctoral Researcher at Institute for Theoretical Physics
2003 - 2004 (1 year)
Zürich Area, Switzerland

Joint position with PSI

Paul Scherrer Institut PSI

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Condensed Matter Theory

2003 - 2004 (1 year)

Zürich Area, Switzerland

Joint position with ETH

Education

Rutgers University

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Theoretical Physics · (1997 - 2003)

Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Master of Science (MSc), Physics · (1994 - 1996)

Fergusson College

Bachelor of Science (BSc) from University of Pune, Physics (principal subject), Mathematics and Statistics (subsidiary subjects) · (1991 - 1994)

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 20, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500273

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Dave Schmitt

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The City Manager hereby recommends the re-appointment of Dave Schmitt to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025.

Mr. Schmitt's resume is attached for your consideration.

DAVID J. SCHMITT

[redacted]

EMPLOYMENT

Mill Creek Alliance
Executive Director, June 2017 - present
Responsible for all aspects of operations of a 25 year non-profit organization devoted to restoring Mill Creek, in southwestern Ohio. Duties include, fundraising, overseeing finances, community and business outreach, stream restoration project development, hiring, marketing, strategic planning.

Cors & Bassett, LLC

MEMBER;	1999-2016
ASSOCIATE,	1991 -1998

My practice focused on Compliance and Litigation in the fields of Environmental Law. Worker's Compensation and related labor and employment issues, and Healthcare.
I handled litigation and compliance matters involving a wide range of federal and state environmental statutes including CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, OSHA, SARA Title Ill, and LUST.

Clients included manufacturers, mining concerns, metal recyclers, trucking companies, and range in size from small family businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

I served as an assistant trial attorney on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in litigation involving the Maxey Flats Nuclear Disposal Site in Fleming County, Kentucky. I also served as assistant trial attorney in a number of suits filed against Ashland Oil Company on behalf of landowners in the Martha's Oil Field region of eastern Kentucky. This suit stemmed from Ashland's disposal of naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) produced by its oil-drilling operations on privately owned land.

I assisted numerous entities in regard to the acquisition and remediation of brownfields sites, including the City of Ironton, Ohio and the City of Barberton, Ohio. This has been accomplished through first successfully obtaining grants from the Clean Ohio Fund, as well as various federal grant and loan programs. then working with OEPA, USEPA. and developers to redevelop the sites. This included the negotiation and drafting of purchase agreements, access agreements. leases, contracts, change orders, non-disclosure agreements, and sustainability agreements

with various municipalities and private parties. I have also successfully negotiated and litigated a variety of zoning issues.

FORMERLY:
Law Clerk, Mccaslin, Imbus & Mccaslin, Cincinnati, Ohio, May, 1989 - July, 1991. Drafted appellate briefs and pleadings, legal research and review of medical documentation for a firm specializing in insurance defense.

Legal Intern, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C., Summer, 1990. Duties included legal research, drafting proposed legislation and agency rules, drafting comments on rules proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and lobbying members of Congress on environmental issues.

Project Manager, Cincinnati Sportsmedicine and Orthopaedic Research Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio, April, 1987 -August, 1988.
Coordinated all soccer research. Responsible for all phases of research including design, implementation, statistical analysis, and preparing articles for publication. Also involved with biomechanical research. Served on the Research Internal Review Board of Deaconess Hospital.

Graduate Intern, University of Maine Agroforestry Outreach Project, Port-auPrince, Haiti, August, 1986 - December, 1986.

Worked with rural farmers on projects designed to encourage reforestation and. erosion control. Designed and implemented three research projects.

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, University of Maine College of Forest Resources, September, 1984-May, 1985 & 1986.
Instructed undergraduates in proper silvicultural field techniques and fulfilled many different research roles involved with the Genetic Tree Improvement Project.

EDUCATION:

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio. J.D. -May, 1991
Merit Scholarship, Dean's List, Honor Council, Student Bar Association (Parliamentarian), Environmental Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta - Vice Justice, Landlord Tenant Information Project.

University of Maine, Orono, Maine, M.S. Forestry-May, 1987
Society of American Foresters, Dormitory Governing Board.

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, B.S. Biology, December, 1983,
Beta Beta Beta Award for Outstanding Work in Biology, Elias-Eggleston Scholarship, Four-year letterman-Soccer, Co-Captain, 1982-1983.

BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

American Rivers, Washington, D.C., Board Member, February 2013 - 2022. Chair, Litigation Committee; Member, Policy and Audit Committees.

City of Cincinnati, Green Cincinnati Plan Steering Committee; Chair, Natural Environment Subcommittee, 2018 and 2023 - present.

CROWN/Mill Creek Greenway Trail Steering Committee, 2021 - present.

Grant County, Kentucky Solid Waste Management District Board, Williamstown, Kentucky, Member and Chair, January 2003 -Present.

Xavier University Sustainability Program Advisory Board, Cincinnati, Ohio, Member, January, 2015- 2020.

Ohio Environmental Council, Columbus, Ohio, Board Member, July 2009 - 2016. Policy Committee, January, 2014 -2016; Chair, 2014-2015.

The Nature Conservancy (Kentucky Chapter), Board Member and Finance Committee, 2012-2015.

Solid Waste Coordinators of Kentucky, Associate Member, 2006 - 2010.

Kentucky Center for Native American Arts and Culture, Board and Executive Committee Member, March, 2006 - 2008.

Member, Environmental Health Committee, Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, September, 1997 - 2016

Member, Ecosystems Technical Workgroup, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency State Comparative Risk Project May, 1994

Member, Cincinnati Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee and Admissions Committee, November, 1991 - 2019.

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 20, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202500276

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Ericka Copeland

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The City Manager hereby recommends the reappointment of Ericka Copeland to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025.

Mr. Copeland's resume is attached for your consideration.

Ericka L. Copeland

[redacted]

Non-Profit Executive

Proven big picture-focused executive who embodies professional integrity. Expert in using strategic, long-term solutions to create viable resources to deliver quality culture and justice education, health, and social services to diverse populations.

Compassionate, solution-driven professional unafraid of the change agent role, who understands the critical need for innovative stakeholder relationship building, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI), fund development, and using data-driven analytics to ensure high quality care while maximizing cost containment and implementing sound business plans.

Leadership Success Highlights

Employee, Partner & Community Engagement – Holistically support culture, mission and needs of major non-profit organizations in collaboration with Talent Management. Organized multiple Board of Trustees' oversight, regulatory compliance, involvement with education, DEI, workforce, and economic development policies.

Public Relations – Drove strategic planning roadmap and launched initiatives with diverse constituents by envisioning and communicating organization's equity, fund development and programs, gaining buy-in from bi-partisan stakeholders. As public relations spokesperson promoted and marketed organizational brand and goals with media.

Business Transformation – Identified need for streamlined systems and executed launch plans. Implemented sound strategies and collaborate in development of Dashboards, Toolkits, Scorecards to track metrics meeting companies' diverse personnel, program, and capital needs.

Fund Development – Steer individual donor cultivation and stewardship, special events, grant writing, virtual appeals, planned giving initiatives, and corporate solicitation.

Capital Campaign – Launched $2.4M capital campaign to transition organization to new 20K SF facility. Consolidated agency's six programs to one accessible location. Launched new health and wellness programming focused on youth and families based on equity in accessibility to support services.

Strategic Planning – Conceptualize and implement strategic plans for non-profit, social service programs for publicly funded organizations. Operationalize, implement, and monitor strategic initiatives; manage and pilot projects to test and refine strategies.

Public Office – Two-term elected official & Two-term President, Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education. Established and maintain relationships with local, state, and national government leaders and their staff, key agency officials, and other public policy makers. Collaborated with city and state government, boards, and organizations.

Professional Strengths

- Executive Leadership
- P&L Management
- Public Policy
- Strategic Partnerships
- Organizational Behavior
- People Leadership
- Change Management
- Budget Development
- Assessment & Analytics
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Fundraising & Operations
- Non-Profit Operations
- DEI, Culture & Justice
- Strategic Planning
- Public Speaking
- Grant Writing & Compliance

Governance | Advocacy | Community Partnerships

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, Cincinnati, OH

Elected Official, Board President

Officially elected as a State Officer to represent citizens and the State in legislative management of local school District, the largest, best performing Urban District in Ohio, encompassing 37K Students, 65 Schools with $600M Operating Budget. Work across legislative bodies of varying backgrounds to serve the community at large.

Chair, Public Partnership Engagement & HR Committee | **Founder,** Strategic Planning & Development Committee
Member, Finance Committee | Equity & Extra-Curricular Committee | Executive Committee | Audit Committee

Co-Chair, The Cincinnati Preschool Promise (Affordable Child Care)

Graduate, African American Leadership Development Program

Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Professional Experience

THE SIERRA CLUB, Washington, DC 2022–Present
State Director, State of Ohio
Develop, execute and advance the short and long term strategic, programmatic and financial goals, social and environmental justice policies, priorities, non-profit and PAC operations for the national organization's Ohio Chapter. Management includes all facets of administration, policy, budgeting and financial management, unionized employee supervision, political and legislative programming, grassroots engagement, assuring equity and inclusion, fundraising, volunteer and menber recruitment, engagment and support, and media relations.

Financial Health | Compliance

- Ensure the state's financial health by monitoring costs and strong revenue pipeline. Procured $100k for operational and programming costs within the first year.
- Work closely with Chapter volunteers and designated staff to meet the funding needs of the Chapter. Balance fundraising needs for 501(c)(3) (tax-deductible) and 501(c)(4) (non-tax-deductible) funds.
- Ensure compliance with Sierra Club National's policies, with legal requirements for use of resources among staff, and with employment policies and practices.
- Support leaders in ensuring compliance in the broader Sierra Club profile. Ensure compliance with all applicable local, state, and national laws pertaining to Chapter operations.

Community Engagement | Scale and Execution

- Build strong relationships with other non-profits and partners, elected officials, governmental agencies, conservation, social justice organizations and other constituencies working on a wide range of environmental and environmental justice issues.
- Construct an informed and strategic growth plan for the Ohio region aligned to organization's national ambition, priorities, and program model.
- Cultivate existing and new donor relationships and direct outreach to members, donors and Chapter groups for their support. Identify grant proposal opportunities and complete the submittal process.
- Identify opportunities where membership can grow and be utilized to participate in campaigns. Provide strategic guidance for developing local leadership, recruiting, activating and retaining volunteers at the local group level.

Internal Culture | Relationship Building

- Create an informed and strategic growth plan for the Ohio region aligned to organization's national ambition, priorities, and program model.
- Champion and support the State's foundational policies and commitment to racial equity and actively leading the organization to becoming more anti-racist and multicultural.
- Cultivate a culture in line with the Core Values to drive engagement and achievement of organizational goals.

External | Relationship Building

- Characterize the Ohio State Chapter and the Sierra Club National organization to government officials, the media, business and community leaders, donors, allies, other organizations, and the public.
- Lead support to local campaigns, expand positions, write comments, and foster strategies and materials for public engagement that educate and engage large numbers of people in support of campaign goals.

SUCCESS STRATEGIES, Cincinnati, Ohio 2012–Present
Non-Profit Consulting
Launched non-profit consulting business to providing strategic planning, organizational management, curriculum, public relations, marketing, partnerships, resource development, grant writing, and compliance.

- Actualized successful Campaign for Election to Public Office focusing on equity, inclusion, and justice of underserved populations.
- Develop and coordinate educational and philanthropic programs launched in the community.
- Manage marketing and design staff; recruited and supported 100 volunteers.
- Infuse marketing and communications strategy with increased digital media and communication's strategy through extensive review of best practices, survey analysis of donors and consumers, and collaboration with local and national standards.

Professional Experience

THE CINCINNATI YOUTH COLLABORATIVE, Cincinnati Ohio 2018–2021
President & CEO

Administered non-profit organization with 45+ staff uniting volunteers, school districts and local businesses to create support for social-economically challenged, underserved youth. Provided services to ensure success in school and prepare for life beyond high school via mentoring, college readiness and career coaching.

Achievement – Led organization to include culturally sensitive awareness to comply with accreditation and licensing mandates from State and Federal funders. Implemented accreditation and compliance processes with 100% success rate.

Strategic Partnerships | Community Engagement | Innovation

- Forged new relationships to enhance the organization's visibility, impact, and growth opportunities.
- Established and nurtured network of partnerships that allow for growth and expansion as well as bountiful resources supporting concise, streamlined services to youth, families, underserved populations, and employees.
- As an integral part of an invaluable network of community partnerships, collaboratively worked, noncompetively, sharing funding and varied resources while providing needed services to underserved populations.
- Spearheaded operations, including Board Member development, risk management, facilities management, hiring and training, staff development, fundraising, grant writing, and grant reporting and compliance.

Fiscal Management | Resource Development

- Developed and managed budgets in $3.5M+ dollars and consistently achieved annual fundraising goals.
- Successfully managed multi-million-dollar fundraising initiatives by cultivating individual donors, planning and hosting special events, writing grants, launching direct mail appeals, and soliciting corporate sponsorships.
- Established and fostered strong, trustworthy relationships with regional school districts, community partners, philanthropists, foundations, corporations, and individual donors, resulting in a 75% increase in funding.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) | Culture

- Enabled recruitment, growth, and advancement of professionals committed to serving diverse populations focusing on equity and inclusion. Led and developed diverse groups of professionals.
- Liaised with HR, communications, and business leadership to develop, communicate, and implement organization-wide cultural strategies aligned with company culture, value, and behaviors.
- Directed exploration, development, implementation, and monitoring of training and awareness programs and strategic plans/initiatives that promote DEI and justice internally and externally with all constituents.
- Supported and participated with DEI Committee (Culture Committee) Task Force of diverse staff members to bring about cultural and ethical changes amendments necessary for organization.

Organizational Leadership | Program Development | Administrative Oversight

- Optimized processes for fundraising database, fundraising opportunities, documentation, and recordkeeping, including oversight of budgetary and grant compliance.
- Steered overhaul and direction of policies and procedures, garnering HR support and employee engagement.
- Ensure efficient operations and policy alignment within all programs and initiatives.

Board Engagement - Directors & Trustees

- Transformed organization's outreach/social media strategy and included Board leadership and strategic oversight. Efficient with Board Relations, Board Committee Structures, and Board/Bi-Law Reporting.
- Organized all aspects of Board of Director's oversight, grant and regulatory compliance, and agency involvement.

WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES, Cincinnati, OH 2015–2018
Executive Director

Directed and managed 135+ staff and operations with an $8M annual budget, delivering essential services promoting seniors' independence: National Meals on Wheels Programming, Independent Living Assistance (supporting individuals with disabilities), and Senior Transportation. Provided 497K meals to 2.8K+ individuals in 10 counties.

- Created culturally sensitive case management system to consult with seniors to assist with financial management, bill payment, and senior advocates for health and insurance needs for underserved.
- Expanded service to Kentucky and Northern Ohio to reach large rural population in underserved areas.
- Created proactive marketing and development team to provide outreach and connected with key stakeholders and partnering organizations; implemented all social media outreach and branding.
- Established internal policies and processes to develop and expand the outreach protocol used to address programming, delivering 50% increase in partner and resource development; collaborated with US affiliates.

Professional Experience

MERCY HEALTH OF SOUTHWEST OHIO, Cincinnati, OH 2002–2012
Executive Director
Directed strategic operations of a large acute care, non-profit organization with $5.2M annual budget, serving 110K+ low-income individuals with education, youth and family services, emergency shelter, basic needs, health initiatives, and work training.

Development | Fundraising

- Orchestrated all facets of development, public relations, funding compliance, and collateral projects including annual reports, targeted marketing pieces, newsletters, and advertising information marketed to end-users.
- Leveraged data to provide insights to HR and business leaders to build impactful plans of action.

Achievement – Expanded mental health, developmental inclusion, and permanent supportive services within federally funded programs by 42%, serving 700+ individuals and children annually. Celebrated an average of 98% of participants and families to successful outcomes.

Administrative Oversight

- Collaborated with internal teams and external partners to facilitate professional development plans.
- Ensured efficient operations and policy alignment within all programs and initiatives.
- Evaluated effectiveness of programs and enforced needed adjustments as necessary.
- Offered hands-on targeted computer training and professional development to prepare for the workforce.

Strategic Program Implementation & Expansion

- Formed positive alliances with elected/government officials, education and health providers, corporate partners/businesses, philanthropic organizations, media, and the community at large.
- Championed employment readiness program for hard-to-serve adults and increased capacity by 75%.

Early Career Profile

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER CINCINNATI, Cincinnati, OH | 3 years
Director, Community and Health Initiatives | Manager, Community Infrastructure

- Supported Cincinnati's frontline communities, including six hard-to-serve Cincinnati Public School sites.

CINCINNATI HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, Cincinnati, OH | 4 years
Director of Social Services, Head Start Program | Lead Teacher, Head Start Program

- Served as Chief Liaison between agency and community programming, and developed community needs assessment tools to evaluate the demand for programming.

Education

Master of Education Program | Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Psychology | Wilberforce University, Xenia, OH

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 20, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500278

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Van Sullivan

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The City Manager hereby recommends the reappointment of Van Sullivan to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete the current term ending in December 2025.

Van Sullivan's resume is attached for your consideration.

Van Lee Sullivan

[redacted]

Selected Professional Experience

Green Umbrella—Senior Director of Programs, Cincinnati OH *Jun 2023 – Present*
Climate Action Director *Mar 2022 – May 2023*
Climate Policy Lead *Dec 2020 – Mar 2022*

- Current lead of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Climate Collaborative, Co-Director of Climate Safe Neighborhoods Partnership with GroundworkORV, Green Umbrella lead for Green Cincinnati Plan Equity Committee, and Co-Chair of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Network
- Oversee elected official education/engagement, training 48 regional candidates on climate platforms as of 05/2023
- Secured $1,007,459 of personnel funds and $1,243,882 of implementation funds for our region since 12/2020
- Highlighted Green Umbrella's Climate Action through 12+ major media hits, hosted 22 events reaching 1,000+ attendees, and invited to speak at 33 engagements across the country that reached 2,100+ attendees as of 05/2023
- Manage internal evaluation and engagement work with contract partners, Data Bloom and CitizenLab
- Actively participate in internal Compensation and Organizational Strategy working groups in order to advance equitable HR practices and workflows, and align programmatic work for greatest impact

City of Cincinnati—Climate and Community Resilience Analyst, Cincinnati OH *May 2019 – Dec 2020*

- Co-led the development and launch of three low-income multifamily energy efficiency programs; established partnerships, perform technical analysis, manage implementation and metrics/budget dashboard, draft web/media copy
- Author of $10K National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Urban Heat Island Community Science grant; coordinated campaign to collect data that will support a regional urban heat island map
- Author of $10K National League of Cities 2020 Resilience Cohort grant; led Climate Safe Neighborhoods work
- Led research, coordinated 40+ stakeholders, authored submission for Cincinnati's LEED for Cities Silver certification
- Led Cincinnati's participation in the Climate Disclosure Project's 2020 Sustainable Finance Cohort

Environmental Resilience Institute—Resilience Toolkit Coordinator, Bloomington IN *Jan 2019 – Aug 2020*

- Worked as part of the Policy and Implementation Team to develop and launch climate change resilience resources relevant to local governments in Indiana and the Midwest.
- Supported development and management of the Environmental Resilience Institute Toolkit, led the design of the Beat the Heat program, and supported the design of the Hoosier Resilience Index
- Led pilot project with O'Neill School - coordinated 12 local governments to participate in case studies with graduate-level students; established ongoing partnership between ERI staff and O'Neill professors

Indiana University—Graduate Research Assistant, Bloomington IN *Aug 2018 – May 2019*

- Research Group: Just Energy Transition advised by Dr. Sanya Carley and Dr. David Konisky
- Co-developed ICMA survey for city/county leadership on impacts from and preparedness for the energy transition
- Conducted research and outreach to study the presence of and work by frontline sustainability and justice groups in the US, and future opportunities through the Green New Deal to strategically support these groups; published work

City of Cincinnati—Sustainability Fellow, Cincinnati OH *Jan 2018 – Aug 2018*

- A primary author for the following successful grants/awards: $2.5M American Cities Climate Challenge Award, USGBC Sustainability and Energy Smart Award, Engaging Local Government Leaders 'Best Water Project'
- A primary author for the 2018 Green Cincinnati Plan; created data and chapters with community-driven solutions; created metrics dashboard to foster accountability, track progress, and calculate greenhouse gas emissions savings
- Service position via Public Allies Cincinnati; service projects completed for The Welcome Project and Co-op Cincy

Rural Action—Regional Economic Development & Strategy Associate, Athens OH *Nov 2016 – Nov 2017*

- Supported 10-county community wealth assessment using the Community Capitals Framework; literature review, evidence-based research, metrics development, report design, case study preparation

- Worked with local and state-based stakeholders to expand Americorps VISTA programs in Appalachia OH
- Service position via Ohio Community Development Corporation Association Americorps VISTA program

ACS Green Chemistry Institute—Research Associate, Washington DC *Sept 2013 – Sept 2015*

- Led research and developed metrics for GCI initiatives; disseminated content through articles, webinars, presentations
- Recruited key stakeholders, created content, led meetings and strategic planning, and fundraised for: NSF Student Workshop, $10K Green Chemistry Business Plan Competition, Biochemical Technology Leadership Roundtable
- Convened collaborations between Industrial Roundtables and supported technical projects; managed Roundtable finances (>$500K/year); assisted with marketing and events; completed Standard Operating Procedures
- Crafted content strategy for newsletter editorial calendar, social media, webinars, and other communications; directed daily social media, increasing Twitter followers by over 200% and Facebook by 250% during my tenure
- Served as a technical resource to the stakeholder community and ACS GCI staff; traveled domestically and internationally as spokesperson to present at and participate in meetings, symposia, and conferences

Abt Associates—Research Assistant, Bethesda MD *April 2012 – Sept 2013*

- Produced data, analysis, reports, proposals for EPA's Climate Change and Pollution Prevention & Toxics departments
- Outreach coordinator for U.S. EPA Presidential Green Chemistry program: led national chemistry conference presence and evaluated impacts; managed budget; developed outreach materials; recruited program participants
- Managed database of technical, environmental, economic impacts for U.S EPA Presidential Green Chemistry awards

City of Oberlin —Sustainability Intern, Oberlin OH *Sept 2009 – May 2011*

- Co-author of 'City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan' draft, which revamped energy-portfolio to 85% renewable by 2015
- Conducted research for 50 municipal sustainability strategies and analysis of greenhouse gas reductions
- Received American Public Power Association DEED Award and Joyce Gorn Memorial Prize for my accomplishments

Selected Publications & Presentations

- "2022 Climate Equity Benchmarking Analysis Report," Green Umbrella, Pub. 2022
- Even, T. L., Trott, C. D., Gray, E. S., Roncker, J., Basaraba, A., Harrison, T., Petersen, S., **Sullivan, S.**, & Revis, S. (2021). Climate Equity Indicators Report - 2021, City of Cincinnati.
- "Supporting Frontline and Vulnerable Communities in a Green New Deal," Public Administration Review, Pub. 2019
- "2018 Green Cincinnati Plan," City of Cincinnati, Pub. 2018
- "Green Chemistry in Action," Div. of Chem. Ed., 250th ACS Ntl. Meeting, Boston MA, 2015
- "City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan," City of Oberlin, Pub. 2011

Education

- **Indiana University—O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs**, Bloomington IN *May 2020*
  Degrees: Master of Public Affairs (MPA) & Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES)
  Concentration: Environmental Justice & Community Resilience (self-designed)
  Selected Coursework: Urban Development and Racial Inequalities, Planning for Climate Change and Resilient Urban Communities, Environmental Justice Seminar, Energy Policy Seminar, Food Systems and Community Resilience, Conservation Planning, Climate Change Impacts on Natural Resources
  Awards: MPA-MSES Scholar Award ('18-'20), Bonser Fellow ('18-'19), Scott Chilcote Fellow ('19-'20)
- **Oberlin College**, Oberlin OH *May 2011*
  Degree: B.A. Economics, Environmental Studies
  Awards: Joyce Gorn Memorial Prize for outstanding off-campus environmental project ('11), American Public Power Association DEED Scholar ('09-'11), John F. Oberlin Merit Scholar ('07-'11), Springman Merit Scholar ('07-'11)

Skills

- Software: Python, R, STATA, SAS, ArcGIS, Office Suite, Photoshop, Social Media, Google Analytics
- Others: grant writing, strategic planning, public speaking, facilitation, data analysis/management, technical writing/editing, research design, content development, community/media outreach, social media, event planning

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 19, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

202500315

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board: Emmy Schroder

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The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of Emmy Schroder to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of three years from January 1, 2025.

Ms. Schroder's resume is attached for your consideration.

EMMY SCHRODER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CONTACT

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE

Seeking a role where I can lead people and business development strategy in an industry I am passionate about.

PROFILE

Executive leader with 10 years of experience managing strategic programs and operations across multifunctional teams in both for-profit and non-profit sectors. I have strong leadership, communication, and operations skills, and find joy in collaboration.

SKILLS

- Executive leadership
- Strategic planning
- Project management methods
- Financial planning
- Data analysis
- Business strategy
- People management
- Supply chain and distribution Communication

SOFTWARE

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project, Visio)
- Google Workspace
- Planview/ Project Place
- SAP (budget management, inventory, purchasing)

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

- D1 College National Champion – OSU, '14

EXPERIENCE

LA SOUPE • CINCINNATI, OH **2019 - PRESENT**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2024 - PRESENT)

- Lead organization of 40+ employees in bridging the gap between food waste and hunger – by sharing of 1.4M servings annually with food insecure communities
- Execute strategic vision and maintain relationships with key stakeholders and community partners

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (2022 - 2024)

- Grew organization's operating budget from $2.4M to $3.5M through strategic planning and execution
- Created and implemented comprehensive 3-year strategic plan for growth
- Established employee benefits systems, accountability systems, and developed policies for long-term sustainability
- Enhanced business management practices and operational efficiency across all departments

DIRECTOR, FOOD AS MEDICINE

- Designed, planned, and implemented programs linking nutrition interventions with healthcare systems tackling Social Determinants of Health
- Integrated hypertension/diabetes diets into operations- making 180k servings/ year
- Lead team through a 12-month national Food is Medicine Coalition Accelerator to build a medically tailored meal program in Cincinnati
- Developed financial plans, operational procedures, strategy, reporting, and teams

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY KITCHEN PROGRAM

- Designed and executed a $1.2M COVID-19 hunger relief effort to temporarily expand La Soupe's meal distribution capacity
- Contracted 24 of Cincinnati's best restaurants and caterers to cook for the food insecure during the pandemic business shutdown keeping these businesses afloat
- Managed team for all communications, logistics, financials, volunteer management, and quality control for the creation and distribution of over 1,000,000 servings

DIRECTOR, PARTNER RELATIONS

- Fostered relationships with all food donors (>60 food companies) and meal recipients (>100 Community Based Organizations).
- Improved operations processes for production, inventory, and distribution
- Oversaw all partnership opportunities while managing multiple strategic projects.

KEURIG DR. PEPPER • WATERBURY, VT **2014 - 2018**

PROJECT MANAGER II

- Planned and executed multiple supply chain and manufacturing engineering projects. Accountable for scope, schedule, budget, team building, process documents, vendor/ supplier relationships, etc. *Key Projects/Programs:*
  - Coffee Sourcing Strategy – 3-year coffee supply chain optimization effort. Budget: $10M. Productivity savings: $12M. 10 Projects, 15-person core team.
  - Warehouse Transition – Shut down a coffee warehouse, started up another. Budget: $4M; Annual savings: $3M. Project team: 10 work streams
  - Energy usage reporting - Installed utility metering technology across 7 manufacturing plants for full energy usage transparency. Budget: $1.2M
  - Structural safety – Facilitated vendor negotiations saving >$1M in reparations for fixing OSHA compliance issues on 24 coffee roasters across US

ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGER

- Premier Ultimate League Team Captain – Columbus Pride, ‘22

- Successfully managed install of first “Kold” production lines. Budget: ~$10M
- Oversaw equipment commissioning, Site Acceptance Tests and site handover
- Collaborated with site leadership, Quality, R&D, warehousing, and operations

ENGINEERING INTERN EXPERIENCE: Snowville Creamery (2014), Jeni’s Splendid Ice Cream (2014), ConAgra Foods, Inc (2013), Campbell’s Soupe Company (2012)

EDUCATION

B.S. FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - 2014

GPA: 3.6, Honors, Cum Laude, Minor: Human Nutrition

PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL (PMP)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE CERTIFIED - 2016

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500298

Subject: **Liquor License – STCK**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: None

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 8007021
PERMIT TYPE: STCK
CLASS: C1 C2 D6
NAME: SETE LLC
DBA: FEYS SUPERMARKET
3441 BEEKMAN ST 1ST FL
CINCINNATI OH 45223

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department has declined comment on their investigation.

Police Department Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: March 19, 2025.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Liquor License – TFOL**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: The Cincinnati Police Department

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 3306614
PERMIT TYPE: TFOL
CLASS: D1 D2 D3
NAME: GOOD WARES DESIGN LLC
DBA: HIGH ST
1401 READING RD
CINCINNATI OH 45202

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department has declined comment on their investigation.

On January 23, 2024, the Mt Auburn Community Council was notified and does not object.

Police Department Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: March 17, 2025.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500300

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Liquor License – TRFO**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: None

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 2317524
PERMIT TYPE: TRFO
CLASS: D5 D6
NAME: DRUNKEN AMIGOS LLC
DBA: DRUNKEN TACOS
200 W MCMILLAN
CINCINNATI OH 45219

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department has declined comment on their investigation.

On January 28, 2024, the CUF Neighborhood Association was notified and does not object.

Police Department Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
☐ Objection ☐ No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: March 14, 2025.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: 02/26/2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: (Pumpkin Chuck 2025)**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; (Mount Washington Community Council) has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): (Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finance, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering). There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Pumpkin Chuck 2025
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	Mount Washington Community Council
CONTACT PERSON:	Priscilla Elgersma
LOCATION:	Stanberry Park 2221 Oxford Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45230
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	11/1/2025 12:00pm to 5:00pm
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	Experience the thrill of flying pumpkins and medieval siege engines at the 18th Annual Pumpkin Chuck Festival on November 1, 2025, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Stanbery Park in Mt. Washington. Enjoy food trucks, craft beer, live entertainment, and family fun in the beautiful fall setting. Don't miss out on this unique and exciting event, which is held each year on the first Saturday following Halloween! Event Highlights: Medieval siege engines launching pumpkins Delicious food trucks and local craft beer Live entertainment and music Family-friendly activities in a beautiful fall setting Eco-friendly with compostable containers and recycling stations Free admission, rain or shine
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	800

ALCOHOL SALES: ☒ YES. ☐ NO.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: (T.B.D.)

cc: Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

Form 17SEPAR (Revised 01/23, Replaces 09/22)

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: 2/26/2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Taking Drug Court Beyond the Steps of the Courthouse**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Keshia Jones has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finanace, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Taking Drug Court Beyond the Steps of the Courthouse
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	Hamilton County Drug Treatment and Recovery Court
CONTACT PERSON:	Keshia Jones
LOCATION:	Court Street (Between Vine St and Walnut St)
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	05/09/2025 10:00am—05/09/2025 2:00pm
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	The Hamilton County Drug Court Treatment and Recovery Court would like to host a community engagement event on May 9, 2025. This event is being designed to engage the community and inform them of the goals of 2025 and beyond.
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	400
ALCOHOL SALES:	☐ YES. ☒ NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS:	

cc: Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: 2/26/2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Heart Mini Marathon 2025**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Lori Salzarulo has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Fire Department, Metro, Cincinnati Police Special Events Unit, Traffic and Engineering Department, Traffic and Road Operations Department and The Health Department. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Heart Mini Marathon 2025
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	American Heart Association
CONTACT PERSON:	Lori Salzarulo
LOCATION:	317 E 5th St
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	3/16/2025 0700-1400
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	American Heart Associatio's Heart Mini Marathon 10k,5k and walk.
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	20,000
ALCOHOL SALES:	☐ YES. ☒ NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS:	

cc: Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 202500314

Subject: Capital Projects Funding Request

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202500204

On February 5, 2025, the City Council referred the following for a report:

> **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Owens, Nolan, Walsh, Jeffreys, Albi, and Lemon-Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a report within three weeks on the various proposals that have been submitted for consideration of funding from the Capital Project Fund. The report should cover basic details such as a brief summary of the project, past funding requests, any outstanding obligations, or other pertinent information that would impact the project the proposals are:
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> - Motion 202500053*:* Art Museum's Expanded ADA-Connections
> - Motion 202500051: Clifton Cultural Arts Center's Headquarters
> - Motion 202500050: Artworks Creative Campus ArtPark
> - Motion 202500040: Camp Washington Skatepark
> - Motion 202500137: Winton Hills Community Council
> - Motion 202500136: Pig Works Relocation
> - Motion 202500138: American Sign Museum's Solar Conversion
> - Motion 202500184: CPD, CFD, DPS Fleet Needs

Background

This report is being prepared to address the City Council's request for information on the various proposals submitted for funding from the Capital Project Fund. The goal is to provide Councilmembers with the necessary background information to assist in their review and ultimately in the decision-making process. As of today, the Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve account has a balance of $1,294,008 available for disbursement.

As requested, the report will provide a brief overview of the project, any outstanding obligations, and other information. In addition, for each of the proposals listed above, a summary of any past funding requests that have been submitted for these projects has been provided. This includes any amounts previously requested from capital sources or other relevant funding sources

In no particular order, the projects are listed as follows:

Projects Overview

1. **Project Name:** Cincinnati Art Museum's Expanded ADA-Accessible Connection

   Project Summary: The Cincinnati Art Museum Expanded ADA-Accessible Connections project is requesting funding to help with the next phase of the Art Climb, a project connecting Gilbert Avenue to the Art Museum. In addition to the existing Art Climb, this additional phase would create a series of ADA-accessible pathways up the climb to allow for strollers and wheelchairs to use the Art Climb and connect the Art Museum in a more accessible way to the public transit infrastructure along Gilbert Avenue
   Past Funding Request: None
   Outstanding Obligations: N/A
   Staff Comments: None

2. **Project Name:** Clifton Cultural Arts Center Headquarters Project

   Project Summary: The Clifton Cultural Arts Center Headquarters project is an 18,000 sq. ft arts and culture center on a formerly vacant lot in Clifton. This funding request is for the final phase of the project, including lighting, curtains, A/V equipment, sound panels, and more to complete the build-out of the stage and performance space in the CCAC. The CCAC Headquarters has a final gap to complete the project due to the costs of labor and materials, and an allocation would be the final contribution necessary to complete the project.

   Past Funding Request:
   - 2020 – Clifton Heights TIF Funds: $250,000
   - 2020 – City Council Appropriation: $250,000
   - 2020 – Clifton Area Parking Project: $30,000
   - 2021 – ARP Funding: $650,000
   - 2022 – Acquisition Funding: $530,000

   Outstanding Obligations: N/A

   Staff Comments: The City has provided several incentives for this project. The organization also sought funds from City Council in the carryover in prior cycles but was unsuccessful. The project was completed in 2024 and is open.

3. **Project Name:** Artworks Creative Campus Artpark Project

   Project Summary: The Artworks Creative Campus project is Artworks' first ever capital project and has a small remaining gap to close out the $11.7M goal to complete the project prior to the grand opening on April 26th. The Creative Campus includes renovation and redevelopment of a historic building and a vacant lot in the Peebles' Corner business district in Walnut Hills, as well as new crosswalks and a green median on Gilbert Avenue. The Campus also extends to the ArtPark at the corner of

Curtis St. and Gilbert Avenue which will be home to native plants and gardens, a water fountain, space for community events, public art, and more.

Past Funding Request:

- 2022 – City Council Appropriation: $500,000
- 2022 – CRA Tax Abatement: $423,308
- 2023 – Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program Grant: $150,000

Outstanding Obligations: N/A

Staff Comments: The City has provided several incentives for this project.

4. **Project Name:** Camp Washington Skatepark Project

Project Summary: The Camp Washington Skatepark project aims to create a state of-the-art recreational space designed to serve a variety of users including skateboarders, rollerbladers, BMX riders, and other action sports enthusiasts. Located in Camp Washington, this park will provide a safe and inclusive environment for individuals of all skill levels to engage in their sport, improve their abilities, and enjoy the outdoors.

The design will feature a variety of obstacles and elements, including bowls, ramps, rails, and street-style sections, all built with durable materials to withstand high usage. The skatepark will be thoughtfully integrated into its surrounding environment, prioritizing accessibility, safety, and community engagement.

Past Funding Request:

- 2024 – City Council Appropriation: $250,000
- 2024 – Ohio Department of Natural Resources: $300,000
- 2024 - Devou Good Foundation: $50,000
- 2024 - Haile Foundation: $50,000

Outstanding Obligations: N/A

Staff Comments: The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has received funding commitments in the form of grants and private contributions, however there is a funding gap in the amount of $300,000. This amount would allow for the project to be completed in a single phase, which would reduce overall project costs.

5. **Project Name:** Winton Hills CC – Mother of Christ Church Project

Project Summary: The Winton Hills Community Council is seeking funding to support the acquisition and renovation of the Mother of Christ Church located at 5301 Winneste Avenue. This project will serve as a multi-purpose community hub and resource center, meeting rooms/space to allow for training programs for adults and youth in the Winton Hills Community. The Council is committed to preserving the legacy of the Mother of Christ Church while transforming it into a space that uplifts and serves the entire community.

Past Funding Request: None

Outstanding Obligations: N/A

Staff Comments: Staff from DCED have met with the Winton Hills Community Council representatives about the proposal that was submitted. Staff directed them to the City's Quickstrike acquisition fund managed by Homebase. This is a competitively scored process, in which they must apply and submit all necessary documents and information. The application portal is currently open.

6. **Project Name:** Pig Works Renovation Project

Project Summary: Pig Works is requesting $340,000 to assist with the acquisition and renovation of the property located at 792 E. McMillan. The property will serve as the permanent headquarters for the Pig Works, the organization behind the Flying Pig Marathon and numerous other events that contribute to Cincinnati's health and fitness ecosystem. This funding is critical to the success of their long-term plans, which include expanding their base of operations and making a meaningful impact on the Walnut Hills community. With this location, Pig Works will centralize operations, improve efficiency, and create a dedicated space for staff and community outreach efforts.

Past Funding Request: None

Outstanding Obligations: N/A

Staff Comments: DCED had a meeting with PigWorks regarding their campus expansion project. However, this project falls outside the scope of traditional City funding sources, as PigWorks is a non-profit organization seeking financing. Initially, they were exploring the possibility of utilizing Carryover funds to support their expansion efforts. Unfortunately, at that time, DCED was unaware of any eligible funding sources that could accommodate their needs. It wasn't until the establishment of the Admin Capital Project Reserve that a potential funding option became available, which could now be considered for their project.

7. **Project Name:** American Sign Museum's Solar Conversion Project

Project Summary: The American Sign Museum, named in February 2024 as the #5 Pop Culture Museum in the Country, has become a staple of the Camp Washington community during its 25 years of operation. Recently the Museum embarked on a capital expansion project which doubled the size of the facility to 40,000 sq. ft, created an 8,000 sq. ft classroom area for education purposes, and the largest sign-related library in the country. The organization is seeking ways to grow in innovation and creativity by converting to solar power. Due to the number of light components on its signs, the Museum's average monthly electric bill can run as high as $7,000. Through this project the museum aims to become the first Cincinnati-area Museum to convert to solar power, aligning closely with the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Past Funding Request:

- 2023 – Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program Grant: $100,000

Staff Comments: The City supported a prior phase of ASM's expansion into additional space at 1330 Monmouth Avenue. The City's funds supported equipment in the catering and event areas of the expansion.

8. **Project Name:** Capital Needs for CPD, CFD, DPS Fleet

Project Summary: The Police, Fire, and Department of Public Services (DPS) fleets are critical to maintaining public safety and delivering essential services. As these fleets age and experience increased wear and tear, it becomes imperative to allocate resources for the timely replacement and enhancement of vehicles. This proposal aims to address the capital needs for upgrading and maintaining the fleet across these departments to ensure operational efficiency, reliability, and safety. Based on current assessment criteria, Fleet Services would prioritize the following vehicles with additional funding.

- CFD (1) Pumper: $1,000,000
- CFD (2) Remount Medic Units: $500,000
- DPS (2) Single Axle Dump Trucks (Snow): $460,000
- DPS (2) Tandem Axle Dump Truck (Snow): $500,000

This capital investment is vital for ensuring the Police, Fire, and DPS departments have reliable, safe, and efficient vehicles to carry out their missions effectively. By addressing these fleet needs, we are investing in the long-term operational success of essential public services, ultimately benefiting the safety and well-being of our community.

Past Funding Request: Funds are allocated annually to support the ongoing update of our vehicle fleet. Fleet Management will regularly assess the needs to make final decisions and recommendations.

cc: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager
Andrew Dudas, Budget Director

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 26, 2025

202500316

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Health: Get Vaccinated OHIO Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

The grant activities include immunization assessment, targeted reminders and recall, identifying disparities for low immunization levels, educational activities involving families and providers, ensuring schools report on vaccination rates and school education, and ensuring the vaccination of high-risk infants exposed to hepatitis B disease as methods of increasing immunization rates for both public and private immunization providers.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant and no local match is required.

The Cincinnati Health Department applied for this grant on January 23, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to $298,869 is available from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative that would allow the City of Cincinnati Health Department ("CHD") to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, grant activities would include, as methods of increasing immunization rates for both public and private immunization providers, immunization assessment, targeted reminders and recall efforts, identifying disparities for low immunization levels, educational activities involving families and providers, ensuring schools report on vaccination rates, school-based education, and ensuring the vaccination of high-risk infants exposed to hepatitis B disease; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTE/full time equivalents are associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, CHD applied for this grant on January 23, 2025, to meet the application deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to receive and deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 26, 2025

202500317

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance:** Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **ESTABLISHING** the salary schedules and classification titles for the classifications of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist by enacting Sections 297 and 298 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

The Cincinnati Health Department, through a market analysis that included local industry trends, has determined the necessity of the creation of classification specifications of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist and new salary schedules to recruit and retain quality employees. The Human Resources Director has reviewed the conclusion of the market analysis and concluded that the recruitment of a Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist for the Cincinnati Health Department may benefit from a new classification titles and salary range schedules.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Latisha Hazell, Director of Human Resources

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ESTABLISHING the salary schedules and classification titles for the classifications of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist by enacting Sections 297 and 298 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," currently does not contain a salary schedule or classification title for the positions of Behavioral Health Specialist or Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist; and

WHEREAS, a Behavioral Health Specialist is responsible for performing a variety of professional treatment services, such as making behavioral health diagnoses using diagnostic tools and sound clinical judgment; and

WHEREAS, a Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist is responsible for providing leadership and reviewing the assessments, diagnoses, treatment plans, and documentation of Behavioral Health Specialists as required by the State of Ohio Licensing Board; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Cincinnati Health Department ("CHD") is to promote the health and wellness of Cincinnati citizens, employing methods that include disease surveillance, assessment, disease prevention, health education, and assuring access to public health services; and

WHEREAS, creation of the positions of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist is necessary for the continued operation of CHD and furtherance of its mission; and

WHEREAS, the City's Human Resources Department recommends the creation of salary schedules and classification titles of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist to recruit and retain qualified employees in CHD; and

WHEREAS, based upon the City's market analysis and the level of responsibility, liability, and scope of work performed by a Behavioral Health Specialist and a Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist, the proposed Division 0C salary schedule is necessary for both positions to ensure competitiveness within the industry; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that future cost of living adjustments for the Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist positions are aligned with the salary adjustments for Cincinnati Organized and Dedicated Employees, Inc. (CODE) as approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to establish a salary schedule and classification title for the positions of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist within CMC Chapter 307; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 297 of Division 0C, Chapter 307, Behavioral Health Specialist, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is established as follows:

Classification	**Minimum Annual Salary**	**Maximum Annual Salary**
Behavioral Health Specialist (297)	$67,019.43	$90,068.51

Section 2. That Section 298 of Division 0C, Chapter 307, Behavioral Health Specialist, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is established as follows:

Classification	**Minimum Annual Salary**	**Maximum Annual Salary**
Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist (298)	$79,504.27	$106,847.10

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out Sections 1 and 2, including updating any applicable rules and regulations or policies and procedures in accordance with these modifications.

Section 4. 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 establish new salary schedules and classification titles for the positions of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist to recruit and retain qualified employees in the Cincinnati Health Department.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500319

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: FTA Persistent Poverty Grant for Streetcar**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to $250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to $250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate of $27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The City Manager to accept up to $250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software;
2. The City Manager to appropriate up to $250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026;
3. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant"; and
4. The transfer and appropriation of $27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local

matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

On April 5, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0108-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to $500,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software. The FTA awarded the City $250,000 in grant resources, which requires City Council approval to accept and appropriate.

This grant requires local matching resources of up to $27,778, which are available in the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 and must be transferred and appropriated to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to be expended as required. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant.

Accepting grant resources to improve and upgrade streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" and strategy to "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept up to $250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to $250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate $27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2023, Council passed Ordinance No. 108-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to $500,000 from the Federal Transportation Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software; and

WHEREAS, the FTA awarded the City $250,000 in grant resources, which requires Council approval to accept and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires local matching resources of up to $27,778, which are available in the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 and must be transferred and appropriated to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to be expended as required; and

WHERAS, no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, accepting grant resources to improve and upgrade streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" and strategy to "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept up to $250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program

(ALN 20.205), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to appropriate up to $250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant."

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to transfer and appropriate $27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. 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 accept the grant resources to meet established deadlines.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

Date: February 26, 2025

202500321

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – APPROVING THE REVISED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

> APPROVING the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

The Federal Transit Administration requires that the Cincinnati Streetcar implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan ("PTASP") approved by City Council. The PTASP must also be updated annually due to continuous safety improvements. The PTASP has been revised with the following updates:

- Changed References from section 43 to section 44.
- Updated section 43 to cover Risk Based Inspections by ODOT
- Added section 22.6.1 for Employee Safety Committee responsibilities
- Defined the roles and responsibilities of the Cincinnati Transit Coordinator and Deputy Director of Streetcar Services. (Section 22.3)
- Updated section 23 to include reports of safety concerns through the Streetcar website
- Updated section 23 to include reporting of safety concerns through the Streetcar website
- Updated methods of rules compliance activities to include SmartDrive system for signal violations (Section 34.4)
- Updated the Safety Performance Targets in Table 1, section 9 to reflect NTD data from 2021-2023
- Updated section 22.5 to allow the SSRC to vote on items electronically via email
- Updated the table of contents

The reason for the emergency is the need to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation's March 15, 2025 deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I – Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering

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APPROVING the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

WHEREAS, the City is a rail transit agency subject to Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") requirements governing such transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the FTA promulgated Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 673, which requires that rail transit agencies subject to state safety oversight must establish a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan ("PTASP"); and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 674 requires the appropriate State Safety Oversight Agency, the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") in the case of the streetcar, to ensure that each transit agency has a PTASP compliant with 49 CFR Part 673; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 5501.56 and 49 CFR Part 673 together require that an agency PTASP must be approved by each transit agency's board of directors or an equivalent authority, in this case City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in her capacity as the Accountable Executive for the streetcar, and the Chief Safety Officer for the streetcar have since further revised the PTASP to ensure the streetcar's ongoing safe operation; and

WHEREAS, the City's revised PTASP maintains a sufficiently explicit process for safety risk management with adequate means of risk mitigation for the streetcar; includes a process and timeline for annually reviewing and updating the safety plan; includes a comprehensive training program for the operations personnel directly responsible for streetcar safety; identifies an adequately trained safety officer who reports directly to the Accountable Executive; includes adequate methods to support the execution of the PTASP by all employees, agents, and contractors for the streetcar; and sufficiently addresses other requirements provided in 49 CFR Part 673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein, is approved as the required Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan ("PTASP") for the Connector, the streetcar system located in downtown and Over-the-Rhine.

Section 2. That the City Manager and all appropriate City officials are authorized to send the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), the State Safety Oversight Agency for the streetcar, for review and approval.

Section 3. 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 submit the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation within the required time frame.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Cincinnati Streetcar
Agency Safety Plan

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

December 30, 2024

Revision 7

RECORD OF REVISIONS

Revision #	Revised By	Date	Issue/Revision Description
0	TJ Thorn	8/27/2019	Original Draft Document
1	TJ Thorn	10/21/2019	Removed references to Authority (meaning SORTA) in appropriate sections of the document, added a description of an "adequately trained" CSO in 22.2, added feedback process language to Section 23.
2	Paul Conway	4/8/2020	Update signature block and minor grammar edits. Remove interim status.
3	Les Shaw	4/15/2020	Replaced the "CEO" with the "City Manager," who is the Accountable Executive. Replaced the "Engineering and Project Management" with the "Department of Transportation and Engineering." Replaced "ENP text messages from the RCC" with "text messages from the City." Replaced "Security Director" with "Chief Safety Officer." Removed the fire training video statement.
4	Paul Conway	7/20/2021	Update current roles and dates. Update table of contents. Add PTSCTP training for City Staff (CSO, Streetcar Director, Transit Coordinator). Update Safety Performance Targets. Add City Address to Title page. Update and sign policy statement.
5	Paul Conway	5/10/2022	Updated ASP review date to April 30th (Section 14). Removed reference to GATIS worksheet and updated SMS implementation (Section 17). Employee Safety Committee added (Section 22.6).

			Employee suggestion box added to employee reporting (Section 23). Transit operators de-escalation training added (Section 32.5). Updated the City personnel that must go through a specific technical transit training (Section 41.1). Updated to include the separate, overarching training plan included in the Operations and Maintenance plans (Section 41.2). Update table of contents.
6	Paul Conway	10/1/2023	-Update ASP review date to November 1st to fall in line with ODOT's annual review, Section 11 -Add reference to Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) developed by the City and Transdev, Section 32.2 -Update how rules compliance activities are monitored and how does Transdev assure QA / QC. (Sections 34.4 and 35) -Remove City Transit Coordinator from signature page - add strategies to minimize exposure to infectious disease (Section 26.7) - added employee safety reporting protection from disciplinary action (Section 23) -added employee behavior that is not protected from disciplinary action (Section 23) -detail how the City will respond to emergency Corrective Action Plans and submit CAPs to the SSOA(section 31) -added the Accountable Executive's review and signature of materials regarding the conduct and results of internal safety reviews. (section33) -update table of contents

7	Paul Conway	12/21/2024	-changed References from section 43 to section 44. -updated section 43 now covers Risk Based Inspections by ODOT - added section 22.6.1 for employee Safety committee responsibilities -Define the roles and responsibilities of the Cincinnati Transit Coordinator and Deputy Director of Streetcar Services. (Section 22.3) -update section 23 to include reports of safety concerns through the Streetcar website -Update methods of rules compliance activities to include SmartDrive system for signal violations (Section 34.4) - update the Safety Performance Targets in Table 1, section 9 to reflect NTD data from 2021-2023 -update section 22.5 to allow the SSRC to vote on items electronically via email -update the table of contents

Agency Safety Plan Review and Approval

Approved by: _____ 2/6/25
Accountable Executive

Reviewed by: _____ 2/ 4 / 2025
Director of Transportation and Engineering

Reviewed by: _____ 02 / 03 / 2025
Streetcar Deputy Director

Reviewed by: _____ 12/21/ 24
Chief Safety Officer of Streetcar Services

Reviewed by: _____ 02 / 03 / 24
Cincinnati Streetcar General Manager

Approval by City Council

This plan was approved by the City Council of the City of Cincinnati on ___/___/___ and reflected in the official, approved council minutes. A copy of the resolution is contained in the Appendices.

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1. Definitions

A list of definitions based upon those listed in 49 CFR Part 673.5 is contained in the Appendices.

2. Acronyms

A list of acronyms utilized in this Plan is contained in the Appendices.

3. Introduction

On July 19, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (ASP) Final Rule, which requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). The effective date of this rule is July 19, 2019. As a result, Transit operators must certify they have a safety plan in place meeting the requirements of the rule by July 20, 2020. The plan must be updated and certified by the transit agency annually.

4. Applicability

As a recipient of funds under 49 U.S.C. 5307 the City of Cincinnati is required to develop a Public Transit ASP. This document will serve as the ASP for Cincinnati Streetcar.

5. Policy

Cincinnati Streetcar has adopted the principles and methods of SMS as the basis for enhancing safety and will follow the principles and methods of SMS in the delivery of service to our community.

6. Transition from SSPP to ASP

Cincinnati Streetcar previously utilized a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP), which documented the overall safety program. The Plan was previously approved by the State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, the operator at that time. The SSPP was constituted of 21 elements which outlined and described the policies, processes and procedures associated with the safety program. To maintain the integrity of the safety program, yet be compliant with state and federal regulations, these elements were integrated into the ASP. This integration was based upon an analysis performed by the SSO to determine where and how these elements should be integrated into components of the ASP per 49 CFR Part 673.

7. Accountable Executive and City Council Approvals

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5329(d)(1)(A), the Accountable Executive and City Council must approve this plan. This will be accomplished via signature of the Accountable Executive, which will be affixed to this Plan, and by formal City Council Ordinance. A copy of that Motion will be included in the Appendices of this document. Additionally, the ASP will be submitted for approval to the Accountable Executive and City Council annually.

8. Modes Covered by this Plan

This Plan covers the Cincinnati Streetcar System.

9. Safety Performance Measures and Targets

Safety Performance Measures aid Cincinnati Streetcar in monitoring performance. Safety performance measures also focus on improving safety performance through the reduction of safety events, fatalities, and injuries. These Safety Performance measures are shared with our MPO annually. In accordance with the National Public Transportation Safety Plan the following Safety Performance Targets have been identified:

Safety Performance Measure		Description
1	Measure 1a – Major Events	This includes all safety and security major events as defined by the NTD.
2	Measure 1b – Major Event Rate	This includes all safety and security major events as defined by the NTD, divided by VRM.
3	***Measure 1.1 – Collision Rate (new)***	This includes all collisions reported to the NTD, divided by VRM.
4	***Measure 1.1.1 – Pedestrian Collision Rate (new)***	This includes all collisions "with a person," as defined by the NTD, divided by VRM.
5	***Measure 1.1.2 – Vehicular Collision Rate (new)***	This includes all collisions "with a motor vehicle," as defined by the NTD, divided by VRM.
6	Measure 2a – Fatalities	This includes all fatalities as defined by the NTD.
7	Measure 2b – Fatality Rate	This includes all fatalities as defined by the NTD, divided by VRM.
8	***Measure 2.1 – Transit Worker Fatality Rate (new)***	This includes all transit worker fatalities as defined by the NTD, including the categories "Transit Employee/Contractor," "Transit Vehicle Operator," and "Other Transit Staff," divided by VRM.
9	Measure 3a – Injuries	This includes all injuries as defined by the NTD.
10	Measure 3b – Injury Rate	This includes all injuries as defined by the NTD, divided by VRM.
11	***Measure 3.1 – Transit Worker Injury Rate (new)***	This includes all transit worker injuries as defined by the NTD, including the categories "Transit Employee/Contractor," "Transit Vehicle Operator," and "Other Transit Staff," divided by VRM.
12	***Measure 4a – Assaults on Transit Workers (new)***	This includes all assaults on transit workers as defined by the NTD.9
13	***Measure 4b – Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers (new)***	This includes all assaults on transit workers as defined by the NTD,9 divided by VRM.
14	Measure 5 – System Reliability	This includes Major Mechanical System failures as defined by the NTD.

Table 1 Safety Performance Targets

Mode of Transit Service	Major Events(1a)	Major Event (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (1b)	Collision (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (1.1)	Pedestrian Collision (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (1.1.1)	Vehicular Collision (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (1.1.2)	Fatalities (Total) (2a)	Fatalities (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (2b)
Cincinnati Streetcar	0	0.00	2	1.0	6	0	0.0
Mode of Transit Service	**Transit Worker Fatality (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (2.1)**	**Injuries (Total) (3a)**	**Injuries (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM(3b)**	**Transit Worker Injury (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM (3.1)**	**Assaults on Transit Workers (4a)**	**Assaults on Transit Workers (Rate) Per 100,000 VRM**	**System Reliability VRM between failures**
Cincinnati Streetcar	0	2.0	2	0	0	0.0	10000

It should be noted that these performance targets are based on the time the City has been operating the system as documented in the National Transit Database (NTD) Safety and Security Time Series from January 2021 through December 2023.

10. Safety Plan Review, Update and Certification

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5329(d)(1)(A), the ASP will be certified as compliant on an annual basis. Annually, the Chief Safety Officer (or Designee) will lead a review of the ASP in conjunction with affected departments and update the ASP as necessary. Route extensions, significant changes to the operational practices, or other events may be cause for a review at any time. The ASP and any updates must be reviewed and approved by the City of Cincinnati's City Council.

11. ASP Review Schedule

The ASP will be reviewed annually by November 1st. However, any changes and approvals will be completed by January 15th. The ASP will be submitted to City Council for review and approval by February 10th.

12. ASP Control and Update Procedure

The Chief Safety Officer is responsible for control and update of the ASP. Input for annual reviews will be solicited from all Cincinnati Streetcar personnel.

13. ASP Review and Approval by City Council

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5329 (d)(1)(A) and 49 CFR Part 673 (1) the Public Transportation ASP, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the agency's Board of Directors, or an Equivalent Authority. Because Cincinnati Streetcar does not have a Board of Directors, the Cincinnati City Council is the equivalent authority and therefore is required to review and approve the ASP as well as any updates to the ASP.

14. Review and Approval by ODOT SSO

Cincinnati Streetcar is required to review the ASP at least annually and make any modifications, as needed to assure that the ASP is current and accurate. Each updated draft ASP submitted to the ODOT SSO program will include a summary that identifies and explains the changes. If there are no changes required for the ASP, it will be indicated.

Once the draft ASP has been determined to be ready for approval, the ODOT SSO program staff will indicate that status to the Chief Safety Officer and provide the checklist used for the review. This submittal is required to be completed by April 30th each year to coincide with the annual report to the ODOT SSO program. Upon receipt of the final ASP, the ODOT SSO program will issue written approval of the ASP to Cincinnati Streetcar within thirty (30) calendar days.

15. ASP Change Management

Any changes to the ASP will be documented in the Change Record. This Change Record will contain a summary that identifies and explains the changes for submittal to the City Council annually.

16. Coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Non-Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Annually the Cincinnati Streetcar will create Safety Performance and State of Good Repair Measures and Targets for Cincinnati Streetcar service based upon the principal of continuous improvement. To aid in the planning process for both the State of Ohio and the local MPO these measures and targets will be transmitted to the MPO via electronic communication to the OKI Regional Council of Governments and ODOT Office of Transit. However, prior to submittal to the MPO and ODOT Office of Transit the safety performance measures and targets must be submitted to, and approved by, the SSO. The entire process will be completed prior to annual submission of the ASP to City Council.

17. Safety Management System (SMS) Implementation

To implement SMS, the Cincinnati Streetcar has taken a four-phase approach based upon a continuous improvement cycle of Plan, Do, Check, Act. Over the last 4 years the Cincinnati Streetcar has made the transition to SMS. City of Cincinnati employees have completed the

FTA's Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) while Operations & Management (O&M) operator Transdev's management team will complete the same training in 2025. Transdev has developed a SMS training program for all employees, maintains an employee safety reporting drop box, and hosts a management/frontline employee safety meeting monthly. Employee concerns are addressed, and conclusions are shared via operators orders and break room postings. The Safety & Security department is responsible for leading implementation with assistance from the Safety and Security Review Committee (SSRC) which also serves as the SMS implementation team. The City and Transdev are committed to a culture of open safety discussions and strive for continuous improvement.

18. Safety Management Policy

Safety Management Policy establishes necessary organizational structures, roles and responsibilities. It also ensures safety is on the same priority level as other organizational functions. And it provides direction for effective safety risk management (SRM), assurance and promotion. Lastly, it helps ensure sufficient resources are provided.

19. Safety Management Policy Statement

Cincinnati Streetcar recognizes that the management of safety is a core value of our business. The management team at Cincinnati Streetcar will embrace the SMS and is committed to developing, implementing, maintaining, and constantly improving processes to ensure the safety of our employees, customers, and the general public. All levels of management and frontline employees are committed to safety and understand that safety is the primary responsibility of all employees.

Cincinnati Streetcar is committed to:

- Communicating the purpose and benefits of the SMS to all staff, managers, supervisors, and employees. This communication will specifically define the duties and responsibilities of each employee throughout the organization and all employees will receive appropriate information and SMS training.
- Providing appropriate management involvement and the necessary resources to establish an effective reporting system that will encourage employees to communicate and report any unsafe work conditions, hazards, or at-risk behavior to the management team.
- Identifying hazardous and unsafe work conditions and analyzing data from the employee reporting system. After thoroughly analyzing provided data, the transit operations division will develop processes and procedures to mitigate safety risk to an acceptable level.
- Ensuring that no action will be taken against employees who disclose safety concerns through the reporting system, unless disclosure indicates an illegal act, gross negligence, or deliberate or willful disregard of regulations or procedures.
- Establishing safety performance targets that are realistic, measurable, and data driven.

- Continually improving our safety performance through management processes that ensure appropriate safety management action is taken and is effective.

A signed copy of this statement is contained in the Appendices.

20. Safety Management Policy Communication

This Safety Management Policy Statement is communicated to the City Council via the annual review and approval process. It is also communicated to Streetcar employees and contractors through the use of communication boards at the Maintenance and Operations facility as well as on our website at https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/streetcar/. An employee may also request a printed copy from their supervisor. A signed copy of the Safety Management Policy Statement is contained in the Appendices.

21. Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans

Cincinnati Streetcar's emergency preparedness and response plans, which are incorporated here by reference, include the Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP) and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

21.1. Emergency Response Personnel Training

Training to familiarize fire, rescue, and other emergency service personnel with special transit system requirements is coordinated through and conducted by O&M Contractor.

Emergency preparedness and response drills are planned and conducted with emergency services and Cincinnati Streetcar personnel to a) ensure the adequacy of emergency plans and procedures; b) ensure readiness personnel to perform under emergency conditions; and c) effectively coordinate between and emergency response agencies. These exercises and drills are coordinated through the O&M Contractor and include potentially affected operations personnel.

22. Authorities, Accountabilities, and Responsibilities

22.1. Accountable Executive

The City of Cincinnati City Manager serves as the Accountable Executive for the Cincinnati Streetcar and is ultimately responsible for the Safety Program. The Accountable Executive is responsible for ensuring there are adequate resources to develop and maintain both the ASP and Transit Asset Management Plan and approving the ASP annually.

22.2. Chief Safety Officer

The Chief Safety Officer reports directly to the Accountable Executive and is responsible for the following: developing and maintaining SMS documentation; directing hazard identification and safety risk assessment; monitoring safety risk mitigation activities; providing periodic reports on safety performance; briefing the Accountable Executive and City Council on SMS implementation progress; and planning safety management training. The Chief Safety Officer

will be adequately trained. Adequate training is defined as having completed or in process of completing the PTSCTP for Rail and be a graduate of an accredited University or College.

22.3. Executive Management

In addition to the Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer the Transit Coordinator (TC) and the Streetcar Deputy Director (SD) have responsibility for day-to-day implementation of the SMS including but not limited to.

- Develop the annual safety performance report (TC)
- Document and process Management of change activity (TC)
- SSRC vice chair (TC)
- Safety and Security certification for small projects (TC)
- Monitor and analyze accident/incident data (TC)
- Develop the presentation for the SSO Quarterly meeting (TC)
- Safety performance monitoring (TC)
- Assist CSO with Safety monitoring (SD)
- Engage in budget and resource management including funding opportunities to enhance the system (potential FEMA grants) (SD)
- Operational oversight and service performance monitoring (SD)

22.4. Key Staff

The SSRC is designated as key staff to support the Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer in developing, implementing, and operating the SMS. Additionally, the SSRC will serve as SMS Ambassadors to promote the SMS program through communication and training.

22.5. Safety and Security Review Committee

The SSRC is a multi-disciplinary working group that serves as a high-level committee to address all safety and security issues as well as review and approval of configuration management items. Committee membership includes representation from the following functional areas: safety, security, engineering, planning, operations and maintenance. ODOT representatives are invited to attend all SSRC meetings. The committee is chaired by the Chief Safety Officer and co-chaired by the City Transit Coordinator. The SSRC can vote to approve items brought to the committee at the normally scheduled meeting or electronically through e-mail. For more detailed information about the SSRC please refer to the Cincinnati Streetcar SSRC procedure.

22.6. Monthly Employee Safety Committee

The Employee Safety Committee is a working group composed of O&M management, operators, maintenance, and support staff along with the City Chief Safety Officer and City Transit Coordinator. This group meets monthly to discuss any issues that frontline employees encounter and works on specific mitigations. The committee is comprised of an equal number of frontline (union) and management employees, typically 4 of each. Union employees include operators, vehicle maintenance, and maintenance of way staff. The Safety Committee is chaired by the Operations Manager or designee (typically the Chief Safety Officer). Safety Committee Agendas and Meeting Minutes will be printed and shared with all staff and electronic copies of

the minutes are sent to the SSO and Accountable Executive monthly. Safety Committee meetings occur during normal business hours during a normal work shift. Safety Committee decisions are voted on by the members in attendance and recorded in the minutes. Any disputes that cannot be worked out at the Safety Committee will be resolved by the Collective Bargaining agreement. If the Safety Committee recommends a safety risk mitigation unrelated to the safety risk reduction program, and the Accountable Executive decides not to implement the safety risk mitigation, the Accountable Executive will prepare a written statement explaining their decision, pursuant to recordkeeping requirements at § 673.31. The Accountable Executive will submit and present this explanation to the transit agency's Safety Committee and City council.

22.6.1 Employee Safety Committee Responsibilities:

-1 Review and approve the transit agency's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and any updates as required at § 673.11(a)(1)(i);

-2 Set annual safety performance targets for the safety risk reduction program as required at § 673.11(a)(7)(iii); and

-3 Support operation of the transit agency's SMS by:

(i) Identifying and recommending safety risk mitigations necessary to reduce the likelihood and severity of potential consequences identified through the transit agency's safety risk assessment, including safety risk mitigations associated with any instance where the transit agency did not meet an annual safety performance target in the safety risk reduction program;

(ii) Identifying safety risk mitigations that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended, including safety risk mitigations associated with any instance where the transit agency did not meet an annual safety performance target in the safety risk reduction program; and

(iii) Identifying safety deficiencies for purposes of continuous improvement as required at § 673.27(d), including any instance where the transit agency did not meet an annual safety performance target in the safety risk reduction program.

(iv) The Safety Committee will identify any deficiencies in the transit agency's performance against annual safety performance targets set by the Safety Committee under § 673.19(d)(2) for the safety risk reduction program required in § 673.11(a)(7).

23. Employee Safety Reporting Program

Cincinnati Streetcar has established a Safety Reporting System for the public and employees to report identified hazards or safety concerns. Employees are encouraged to report safety concerns and may do so through the following means including, but not limited to: Employee Safety Committee, Employee Safety Anonymous Drop Box, and immediate manager or supervisor. The City and the City's O&M contractor will not retaliate against any employee reporting a safety concern. This includes protection from termination, compensation decrease,

a poor work assignment, and threats of physical harm. To close the feedback loop Cincinnati Streetcar will provide an update to employees regarding the results of any investigations and (or) action taken arising out of their report. Employee behavior that is not protected from disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to:

- Preventable Accidents/Incidents
- Threats, intimidation, harassment, physical violence or fighting while on duty
- Possession of firearms, weapons, explosives, or similar devices on Company premises or any time while on duty
- Abusive, harassing, or threatening behavior toward a passenger, any member of the public, fellow employee, supervisor, or other company official

The public may report concerns to the Cincinnati Customer Service Request hotline at 513-591-6000, which will notify Streetcar management for follow-up. The public can also report safety concerns on the Streetcar's website at this link https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/streetcar/ .

24. Safety Risk Management

SRM is vital to the success of the SMS. And before an SMS can be effectively built or improved, safety hazards must be identified and mitigations in place to manage the safety risk. SRM is a continuous process, which includes the following activities: Safety hazard identification, safety risk assessment, and safety risk mitigation.

25. Safety Risk Management Process

The SRM Process identifies and analyzes hazards and potential consequences. It then expresses safety risks for each consequence in terms of probability and severity to determine if the risk is acceptable and if not utilizes safety risk mitigation to lower the safety risk. The process also includes interaction with safety assurance to ensure hazards are tracked after safety risk mitigation has taken place. In all cases safety risk mitigation activities are documented.

26. Safety Hazard Identification

Effective Hazard Identification is supported by sources, training on proper identification and reporting and promotion of the safety reporting program to employees and the public. Potential sources for hazard identification and their consequences include the following: Safety Reporting System (employee program and public reporting), safety event (accidents, incidents occurrences), internal audits, safety committees, government sources (ODOT,FTA, NTSB), industry partners (American Public Transit Association - APTA) operational observations, review of historical data, scenario development and review, Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)/Job Safety Analysis (JSA), accident/incident investigations data review and ad hoc hazard reporting.

As referenced in Section 3.5 Reporting to the State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) of the Hazard Management Plan, Cincinnati Streetcar has established a Hazard Tracking Log, which reflects the consolidation of information in the hazard management process. The Hazard Tracking Log will contain all hazards identified through the methods applied by Cincinnati Streetcar. The Hazard Tracking Log will be submitted to ODOT's designated point of contact on the 15th day after the end of the month.

For more information see the Cincinnati Streetcar Hazard Management Plan.

26.1. Safety Certification Process

The Safety and Security Certification Plan ensures that any design or operating hazards/threats are identified, monitored, and properly controlled or mitigated, prior to the commencement of revenue service. The Safety and Security Certification Plan addresses all systems and equipment, which may reasonably be expected to pose hazards/threats to customers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the general public. The plan identifies the technical and managerial tasks required during the design, supply, construction, and commissioning of any project or equipment.

The City of Cincinnati certifies that all safety critical systems and major capital projects that may impact passenger, employee, or public safety are operationally ready to enter safe and secure revenue service as further delineated in Cincinnati Streetcar's Safety and Security Certification Plan provided. Safety and security operational readiness is demonstrated through a safety and security certification program that is developed and implemented for each subsequent operating segment and phase.

The goals of the safety and security certification program are to verify that identified safety and security requirements have been met and to provide evidence that the new or rehabilitated equipment, systems and facilities are safe to use by passengers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the public by:

- Verifying that appropriate codes, standards, and guideline, including the most recent Safety and Security Design Criteria, have been incorporated into the specifications.
- Ensuring that a thorough and complete system safety/security engineering process is followed throughout the acquisition process.
- Ensuring that all identified hazards/threats have been eliminated or controlled.
- Ensuring that normal and emergency hazard resolution methodologies have been implemented.
- Ensuring that all training required for the safe/secure operation of the new vehicles is complete.
- The objectives of the safety and security certification program that support the above goals include:

    - Identify specific safety and security requirements to ensure the most comprehensive specification possible to avoid inadvertent hazards/threats.
    - Verify that all documentation identified as safety critical has been reviewed to ensure compliance with safety criteria.
    - Facilities and equipment have been constructed, manufactured, inspected, installed, and tested, in accordance with safety and security requirements in the Design Criteria and contract documents.

- Assure that operations and maintenance manuals reflect appropriate procedures necessary for control of hazards and include appropriate warnings, hazards, and cautions required for safety critical operations.
- Training documents have been developed for the training of operating personnel, and emergency response personnel.
- Transportation and maintenance personnel have been properly trained and qualified regarding potentially hazardous operations.
- Emergency response agency personnel have been prepared to respond to emergency situations in or along the alignment system.
- Verify that testing associated with elimination of control of hazards has been completed.
- All security related issues have been addressed and resolved.
- Create a verification-tracking log to track all safety related closures that are not complete at the time of revenue operations.

An outline of the certification process is shown below. The process began with system design and continued through the start of revenue operation. The process is ongoing for continuous improvement.

1. Identify those safety and security related elements to be certified
2. Establish Safety & Security Design Criteria
3. Prepare the Design Criteria Conformance Checklists
4. Verify conformance with Design Criteria
5. Prepare the Specification Conformance Checklists
6. Verify conformance with Specifications
7. Perform testing, training, and emergency response coordination
8. Manage Integrated Testing
9. Resolve all Open Items
10. Perform Pre-Revenue Testing
11. Approve completed checklists and issue Project Safety & Security Certificate

Each critical system element receives a written safety/security certificate. When all required system elements are certified, a system-wide safety/security certificate is issued along with a safety/security verification report. Final authority to approve certification of extensions for revenue service rests with the City Manager.

The City of Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority certified the project in 2016. Formal safety certification is required for all new, extended, rehabilitated or modified systems or components including replacement vehicles and equipment. A complete program description can be found in the Safety and Security Certification Plan.

26.2. System Modifications

The City of Cincinnati ensures that safety concerns are addressed in modifications to the existing system by a formal process of notification to O&M Contractor. The O&M Contractor is responsible for coordinating changes to existing systems, including vehicles, trackway, signals, and switches. All changes are to be reflected in a modification log for each system or subsystem. Modifications or changes will be disseminated through various means and will follow the process laid out in Section 38.0 Management of Change Process.

26.3. Train Orders and Special Instructions

Operations personnel will be informed of changes or modifications through either Train Orders or Special Instructions. Permanent modifications or changes will be written into the Recertification program and be accepted as a normal condition of operation.

26.4. Memorandum

The O&M Contractor may elect to address modifications or changes to the System in memo form. The O&M Contractor will ensure that information posted has been read and understood by Operations personnel prior to operation through modified or changed systems.

26.5. Tracking

The O&M Contractor is delegated the responsibility of ensuring that any hazards associated with system modifications of any kind are worked into the Hazard Management Process. Any accepted risks associated with system changes will be tracked from the outset.

26.6. Procurement

26.6.1. Overview

Procurement of new systems such as facilities, equipment, cars, and non-revenue vehicles or the modification of existing systems include safety requirements in specifications, design reviews, testing, configuration control and periodic safety evaluations. These procurements include consultation with the Chief Safety Officer to ensure basic system safety principles.

26.6.2. Program Responsibility

The City of Cincinnati will appoint a Project Engineer for new rail contracts and is responsible for all matters relating to this contract, except changes to the contract involving scope, cost or time. Such changes shall be made with the approval of the Project Engineer. The Maintenance Manager is also responsible for coordinating the effort to assure that all specifications to new streetcar vehicles, equipment, and parts meet the technical specifications and provisions in the document “Vehicle Technical Specifications.”

26.6.3. Safety-Related Procurement Process and Procedures

For Rail the Maintenance Manager must approve modifications, or parts changes to any vehicle. The SSRC and Department of Transportation and Engineering office will review modifications to original specifications; however, the Maintenance Manager has the authority to approve the purchase of parts manufactured by a non-OEM supplier. The Maintenance Manager maintains a change and modification record.

26.6.4. New or Modified Systems Specifications

Basic safety and user requirements are included in procurement specifications and coordinated with appropriate departments. As new facility, system, or equipment specifications are proposed, responding contractors are required to resolve hazards in accordance with the established order of precedence:

- Design for Minimum Hazard. The major effort during the design phase of a contract shall be to select appropriate safety design features (e.g., fail-safe and redundancy).
- Safety Devices. Hazards, which cannot be eliminated through design, shall be reduced to an acceptable level using appropriate safety devices.
- Warning Devices. Where it is not possible to preclude the existence or occurrence of a hazard, devices shall be employed for the timely detection of the condition and the generation of an adequate warning signal.
- Special Procedure. Wherever it is not possible to reduce the magnitude of an existing or potential hazard through design, or the use of safety and warning devices, the development of special procedures to control the hazard shall be required.

Specification includes the requirement that contractors who provide systems, subsystems, or equipment that affect safe movement of vehicles or passenger/employee safety, establish and maintain a safety program in accordance with the approved safety program plan which defines objectives, tasks, procedures, schedules, and data submittals for the safety activities that will be performed by the contractor. The contractor's safety program plan and supporting documentation is approved by the designated management representative subject to review by the Chief Safety Officer.

26.6.5. New or Modified Systems Safety Design Reviews

Safety design reviews are an integral part of all acquisition processes for facilities, systems and equipment. Safety design reviews are conducted to assess the compliance of facility or equipment design with safety requirements in specifications and to ensure that the safety of existing equipment is not degraded by the addition of new facilities or equipment. Safety reviews are normally carried out as an integral part of engineering design reviews coordinated by the Department of Transportation and Engineering.

26.6.6. New or Modified Systems Acceptance Testing and Inspection

Acceptance testing and inspections are included in procedures that assess compliance with the safety requirements of the procurement specification. The project manager verifies and certifies to the Chief Safety Officer that the modified system and facility documents follow the specified safety requirements for the issuance of the Final Certification Report.

26.7. Minimizing Infectious Disease Exposure

The Cincinnati Streetcar has adopted strategies to minimize the exposure of the public, personnel, and property to hazards and unsafe conditions, including infectious diseases. The Cincinnati Streetcar has installed 2 hand sanitizing stations on each streetcar and can dispense face masks to passengers if

recommended by the Centers for Disease Control or the local Health Department. Operators can also stop at every station and open the doors to allow fresh air inside the streetcar.

27. Safety Risk Assessment

To assess risk, Cincinnati Streetcar has adopted Military Standard 882-E. A comparative risk assessment process is utilized which is based on the principles, descriptions and definitions of MIL-STD-882E, but enhances the risk assessment and prioritization to include the cost of corrective action. The process codifies the hazard severity, hazard probability of occurrence, and the cost of eliminating or controlling the hazard and rates each element using established hazard rating tables. The process then determines which hazards are unacceptable or undesirable based on their severity and probability of occurrence. The hazard severity, probability and cost combination for unacceptable and undesirable risk is then ranked on a Hazard Priority Rating Table whereby Cincinnati Streetcar Management can prioritize and allocate the resources available to eliminate or correct the unacceptable and undesirable hazards. For information about the safety risk assessment process see the Cincinnati Streetcar Hazard Management Plan.

28. Safety Risk Mitigation

To reduce the likelihood and severity of consequences related to hazards Cincinnati Streetcar will employ the following risk mitigation strategies as appropriate: hazard elimination, reduction of risk through alteration, incorporation of engineered features or devices, provision of warning devices or the incorporation of signage, procedures, training and personal protective equipment. Safety risk mitigation for infectious diseases includes, but is not limited to social distancing, face mask requirements, opening all the doors at station stops. Safety risk mitigation may include more than one measure to achieve the most acceptable result. Any employed risk mitigation measure will be monitored for its effectiveness. This will be accomplished through regular review of performance measures and event reports to determine recurrence and (or) trends.

28.1 Safety Risk Reduction Program Measures

The Safety Risk Reduction Program will monitor 8 Safety Performance Measures and Targets and attempt to reduce the number and rates of safety events, injuries, and assaults on transit workers.

The measures that will be monitored are:

- Major Events and Major Event Rates (divided by VRM), including all major events as defined by the NTD
- Collisions and Collision Rates (divided by VRM) including all collisions reported to the NTD
- Injuries and Injury Rates (divided by VRM) including all injuries defined by the NTD
- Assaults on Transit Workers and Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers including all assaults on transit workers as defined by the NTD including mitigations consistent with § 673.25(d)(4)

- When the Safety Committee, as part of the transit agency's safety risk reduction program, identifies and recommends under § 673.19(c)(6) safety risk mitigations, including mitigations relating to vehicular and pedestrian safety events involving transit vehicles or assaults on transit workers, based on a safety risk assessment conducted under § 673.25(c), the Cincinnati Streetcar will include or incorporate by reference these safety risk mitigations in its ASP pursuant to § 673.11(a)(7)(iv).
- When identifying safety risk mitigations for the safety risk reduction program related to assaults on transit workers, including to address a missed safety performance target set by the Safety Committee under § 673.19(d)(2), the Cincinnati streetcar and its Safety Committee must consider deployment of assault mitigation infrastructure and technology on transit vehicles and in transit facilities. Assault mitigation infrastructure and technology includes barriers to restrict the unwanted entry of individuals and objects into the workstations.

29. Safety Assurance

Safety Assurance, in SMS, gives Cincinnati Streetcar the ability to know if and how well our mitigations are working by providing key information for data-driven informed decision making, by the collection and analysis of safety performance data, and the provision of timely safety performance information. Finally, it provides safety performance verification and validates the effectiveness of our safety risk mitigation activities. At Cincinnati Streetcar, this is accomplished through safety performance monitoring and measurement as discussed in Section 30.

30. Safety Performance Monitoring and Measurement

Safety Performance Measurement is a subcomponent of SMS and there are three things that it accomplishes. First of all it provides critical indicators to Executive Management and any oversight authority. Secondly, it provides assurance that Cincinnati Streetcar is meeting its safety objectives. Thirdly, it provides assurance that SMS and safety risk controls are working as anticipated and if not a process is in place to continually improve. Cincinnati Streetcar monitors safety performance through the following activities: the Employee Safety Reporting Program, Service Delivery Activities and Operational and Maintenance Data. It also conducts safety surveys, safety audits and inspections, and safety investigations.

30.1. Safety Data Acquisition

30.1.1. Roles and Responsibilities

The O&M Contractor has the responsibility to monitor the safety performance of operations. Safety data is collected and analyzed to determine if safety performance meets established safety goals. This data includes injuries to passengers, O&M Contractor personnel, public; potentially hazardous equipment failures; unacceptable hazardous conditions, and rules and procedure violations. A closed-loop reporting system for identifying and monitoring safety-related items has been established. To close out each incident, safety verification activities and results are reviewed and audited by the Chief Safety Officer or their designee.

30.1.2. Data Acquisition process

The O&M Contractor is responsible for information regarding accidents, incidents, hazardous conditions and operations obtained from several different reporting mechanisms. These include but are not limited to: email and (or) text messages from the City, accident/incident reports, daily operations reports, and employee occupational injury reports. Employees are also encouraged to bring any safety-related issues to the attention of managers and supervisors.

30.1.3. Data Analysis

Tracking of hazard related data is used to identify trends. These trends are further analyzed and/or investigated to determine causal factors. This is accomplished by interviews with personnel in the affected department(s) and analysis of pertinent documentation. Identified hazards are submitted with corrective action recommendations or request for corrective action development.

30.1.4. Reports

Safety performance trend and analysis reports are provided to the SSRC for review and discussion. SSRC will receive safety trend, and analysis reports relative to the area of interest. The reports are the basis for determining achievement of the ASP safety goals and objectives and formulation of safety performance goals/objectives for the coming year. The safety trend and analysis reports are also the basis for the annual safety performance report to ODOT. The annual report includes collision data, passenger and employee injury data, injury data affecting the public, program audit findings and trends, and corrective action plans (CAP). The annual report also describes the strategies for achievement of the stated safety and security objectives.

30.1.5. Accident and Incident Notification, Accident and Incident Investigation Plan and Reporting Procedures

For Accident and Incident Notification, Accident and Investigation Plans and Reporting Procedures see the Cincinnati Streetcar Accident Investigation Procedure.

31. Corrective Action Plans

CAPs can be the result of safety events (e.g. accidents, near-miss incidents, auditing (internal or otherwise) and potentially National Transit Safety Board investigations. CAPs document the action taken and contain the following information: identification of the hazard, deficiency, or root causes, action(s) being taken to resolve or mitigate the hazard or deficiency, implementation schedule for the CAP, the individual or department responsible for implementing the corrective action(s) and any other critical information deemed necessary by Cincinnati Streetcar or ODOT. CAPs must be approved by ODOT and tracked through resolution. CAPs will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the City and the O&M contractor at the Safety and Security Review Committee (SSRC) with system safety being the top priority. After approval, a CAP closure form including all relevant information. Will be submitted to the SSOA and tracked in the CAP log. Any emergency action will be added to the Hazard Log and

followed up with one or more CAPs to be reviewed by ODOT and the SSRC. For additional information, please refer to the Cincinnati Streetcar CAP Development, Tracking and Closeout Procedure Review and Approval Plan.

32. Emergency Management Program

32.1. Emergency Planning Responsibilities and Requirements

Annually, the Chief Safety Officer, or designee, will coordinate, conduct or participate in safety/security related drills and exercises with the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County EMA, Department of Homeland Security, and other agencies, such as Cincinnati Fire and Cincinnati Police. The purpose of participation is to ensure that all potential emergency responders are familiar with equipment and property. Participation may include hands-on training, demonstrations, video demonstrations, hand-outs, or any other media. Minimally, emergency responder training will include basics of streetcar vehicle and system electrification, familiarization with Streetcar operations and routing, and emergency entry methods into Streetcar vehicles.

32.2. Emergency Procedures and Plans

Cincinnati Streetcar has implemented several emergency response plans and procedures in support of Emergency Management including an EOP and a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The purpose of the EOP is to ensure that in any event requiring emergency management there is effective coordination of response and restoration of normal operations between Cincinnati Streetcar personnel, First Responders and other responding organizations. The purpose of the COOP is to ensure that during and after an event the City and Cincinnati Streetcar personnel have a coordinated plan to safely continue operations.

Please see the EOP and COOP for additional information.

32.3. Required Meetings

The Chief Safety Officer is responsible to annually establish on-going meetings with local emergency responders. These meetings will include, but are not limited to: a review of emergency management plans, preparation for drills and coordination of familiarization or refresher training with first responders.

32.4. Emergency Exercises and Evaluation

A program for effective joint training exercises and drills involving and other external agencies including local police, fire, and emergency management agencies is maintained by the system the Chief Safety Officer. The Chief Safety Officer uses the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). This program includes the creation and use of tabletop exercises (TTX) and Full-Scale Exercises (FSE). This program is followed annually and prior to opening new lines or as required.

TTX involve presenting various emergency scenarios to teams of participants with the purpose of allowing the teams to discuss the appropriate response actions. TTX are conducted to

prepare Cincinnati Streetcar, law enforcement, and emergency response personnel to respond to emergencies involving transit passengers and equipment. FSE differs from TTX in that they involve utilizing actual equipment, facilities, and personnel together to form a full-scale mock emergency.

The purpose of these exercises is to demonstrate that participants understand their individual roles and responsibilities and are familiar with the equipment and layout of facilities. Drills involve local law enforcement and emergency response personnel and are indicative of the types of emergencies typical of transit operations and services. Alternating exercises for natural and human caused scenarios is critical for satisfying federal requirements. Cincinnati Streetcar has adopted an after-action review (AAR) with a lessons learned sharing system (LLS). The key element of the LLS is where an assigned person tracks the results of the AAR and incorporates the recommendations into policy, procedure, SOP, training or mitigation.

The O&M Contractor will implement new findings from TTX and FSE and will ensure that appropriate and timely employee training occurs, as necessary. Furthermore, to ensure that personnel are trained to perform satisfactorily during emergency conditions, annual recertification will incorporate discussion and refresher training regarding procedures, practices, actions, and responsibilities during emergency situations.

32.5. Employee Training

An important aspect of every employee's job is his or her individual responsibility for safety and security. As a result, the O&M contractor develops, maintains, and updates the security-related training curriculum for all employees. Targeted security training incorporates such security and emergency management concepts as terrorism awareness, continuity of operations and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Security-awareness training is required for all personnel and is considered an essential and proactive element of the security program. De-escalation training for operations and maintenance employees is also a required and essential part of the safety training conducted by the O&M contractor. This program is administered by the O&M contractor, the operator of Cincinnati Streetcar. It is designed to reinforce security roles and responsibilities for all employees by doing the following:

- Preparing employees for the requirements of their jobs with appropriate security training. Train employees on de-escalation methods and tactics.
- Increasing the level of security awareness throughout the organization.
- Reinforcing any applicable security policies and procedures, including standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- Providing each employee with an opportunity to take part in the security program by asking questions and voicing any concerns.
- Increasing employee understanding pertaining to the potential threats and vulnerabilities within the system and what measures can be taken to eliminate, control, mitigate, and prepare for those threats and vulnerabilities.

32.6. First Responder Familiarization Training

The Cincinnati Fire Department has hands-on familiarization for fire companies working in or will be responding to emergencies on the alignment, which has been and will continue be provided on an as-needed basis coordinated by the Chief Safety Officer or Designee.

33. Internal Safety Audit Program

The purpose of internal system safety audits is to inform management if programs and activities are meeting planned and published requirements. Audits are authorized by management to verify compliance with requirements and policy. Elements of the ASP will be reviewed over a three-year period. ODOT will be notified and presented with the review checklist thirty days prior to each review. The annual report must be submitted to ODOT each year. The Chief Safety Officer must certify compliance of the ASP each year or define the areas of non-compliance with an appropriate CAP. The Accountable Executive will review, evaluate, and sign off on the results of any internal safety review. An approved designee conducts internal system safety reviews. The Chief Safety Officer is responsible for the direction of the audits. For more information see the Cincinnati Streetcar Internal Audit Plan.

34. Rules Compliance

34.1. General

All Cincinnati Streetcar personnel are responsible for the prevention of accidents, identification of hazards, and resolution of such hazards. Reports of all accidents, incidents, deficiencies, and defects will be maintained by the Manager of the appropriate department.

34.2. Review

34.2.1. Directives, Rules, and Standard Operating Procedures

The Streetcar Operators Rule Book, SOPs, Communications Center Procedures, Emergency Operating Procedures, Bulletins and Operating Orders all govern operations procedures during normal and abnormal conditions and are considered safety-critical documents. Additionally, the Maintenance SOPs govern maintenance practices (Inspection and Maintenance Manual). All of these documents are subject to configuration management and formal document control procedures.

34.3. Rule Book

The Streetcar Operators Rule Book is reviewed and analyzed annually, to ensure it provides for the safe operation of the system in normal, abnormal (e.g. brake failure, bypassed door) and emergency conditions, and to ensure compliance with appropriate governing bodies. Revisions to the Rule Book are done by the Cincinnati Streetcar General Manager, or designees annually, through the SSRC and submission to ODOT before implementation. All Streetcar Operators Rule Book revisions are tracked via a revision page that is updated following revisions. All are signed for by every operator and must be carried with them when operating streetcars. The Streetcar Operations Manager will keep a log for rules compliance and update the committee annually.

34.4. Process for Ensuring Rules Compliance

The Rail Operational Safety Checks Program serves as the foundation for observing, correcting, and documenting safety related behaviors and activities. It is also used to re-enforce positive safety behaviors. Operations Managers/Supervisors and Training Instructors are responsible for conducting periodic field and on-board operations safety checks. Supervisors and Training Instructors travel along the right-of-way and/or board streetcars to observe and evaluate adherence to rules, policies and procedures, verbal, or written instructions such as Train Operating Orders, and speed limit compliance. Operator safety checks are recorded on the "Supervisor Rail Safety Ride Check" and "Supervisor/Check forms." Operations Supervisors and Training Instructors are authorized to take appropriate and immediate actions if indicated by the situation. Each Streetcar Operator receives a monthly operations safety check.

The Cincinnati Streetcar General Manager organizes a program of unannounced safety inspections and field observations. All members of the senior management team participate in at least one such inspection every calendar month. These Safety Inspections and Field Observations fortify the safety processes, procedures and plans we have implemented for Streetcar Operators, Operations Control personnel, Wayside personnel, Streetcar Technicians, and Facilities Maintenance personnel. The Streetcar Operations Manager monitors rules compliance through the Rules Compliance Log. The streetcar Operations manager also uses SmartDrive to monitor and review Streetcar Operators and incidents along the alignment.

The results of Safety Checks will be reported to the Chief Safety Officer, or Designee, for incorporation into the Hazard Management Plan.

34.5. Systems Inspections

An essential element of the System Program is regular inspection of all system elements that can affect safe operation. Major elements in the system that directly affect safety are: vehicles, right-of-way, overhead power distribution, signal system, and streetcar stations and facilities. Preventive maintenance activities on wayside equipment and other safety critical equipment are performed in accordance with manufacturers' recommended practice and the APTA Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices for Transit Systems and are documented. Checklists are used in conducting inspections of facilities and equipment. See the Cincinnati Streetcar Maintenance Plan, Revision 5 for additional information including checklists utilized.

34.6. Coordination with Hazard Management Process

Deficiencies noted during inspections are logged into Cincinnati Streetcars asset management system and submitted for repair or corrective action to applicable managers. The Chief Safety Officer receives copies of all deficiency reports for tracking through the Hazard Management process. The adequacies of control measures for safety critical equipment and systems are evaluated to ensure the proper corrective actions are in place to control potentially hazardous conditions to passengers, employees, and the general public.

34.7. Resolution of Audit/Inspection Findings

Safety critical equipment that does not meet established requirements is removed from service and/or tagged or locked-out. Vehicles or equipment involved in accidents are inspected by qualified personnel prior to being placed back into service

34.8. Compliance with Local, State and Federal Safety Requirements

The City of Cincinnati is committed to the safety and health of its employees and contractors who work within the system. Additionally, the City of Cincinnati ensures a safe and healthy work environment through adherence to all applicable Federal standards, BWC standards and local codes. The O&M Contractor ensures that employees are aware of job related hazards through training, posters and notices located in affected areas. Employees will receive appropriate training when new materials, chemicals, or potentially hazardous materials are brought into their working environment.

The O&M Contractor, in coordination with the Chief Safety Officer, evaluates and creates solutions to ensure that employees are educated to potential hazards in their working environment. Procedures and practices employed to minimize exposure to workplace conditions that may jeopardize their safety and health are periodically reviewed and updated.

34.9. Working On or Near Transit Controlled Property

34.9.1. Contractor and Non-Transit Agency Personnel

All Contractors and Non-Transit Agency Personnel must have a Track Access Permit to perform work on or near the alignment. Furthermore, all Contractor and Non-Agency Personnel must complete a safety orientation as part of the permitting process

34.9.2. Employees

All employees who work on or near the rail alignment will receive safety training during New Hire Orientation or any time there is a change on the alignment.

34.10. Hazardous Materials Program

The goal of any Occupational, Safety and Health Program is to ensure a safe work environment free from recognized hazards. To that, the Hazardous Materials Program places emphasis on recognition, evaluation, and control of material hazards arising in and from the occupational environment. Several tools are employed which include, but are not limited to: industrial hygiene surveys, JHA, chemical inventories and employee training. There is one SOP that that governs the Hazardous Materials Program: Cincinnati Streetcar Hazard Communication Program.

34.11. Responsibility

34.11.1. Chief Safety Officer

The Chief Safety Officer is responsible for maintaining and communicating the expectations within this procedure and ensuring the program is adequate. At least annually, the Chief Safety Officer or designee will conduct an audit of the HCP and update the program as necessary.

34.12. O&M Contractor

The O&M Contractor is responsible for ensuring that personnel and sub-contractors comply with all Safety and Environmental programs.

34.13. Hazardous Materials Process

A chemical inventory is conducted annually. The results of this inventory are documented in the Chemical Inventory List (CIL). During this task chemicals are identified and evaluated based upon their Safety Data Sheet. Other tools may be used to identify hazardous materials such as industrial hygiene surveys and JHA.

34.14. Drug and Alcohol Program

34.14.1. Overview

All drug and alcohol testing for employees classified as "safety sensitive" is covered by the Drug and Alcohol policy. All drug and alcohol testing for Cincinnati Streetcar employees classified as "safety sensitive" is covered by the O&M Contractor Drug and Alcohol program.

34.14.2. Decision Tree

The Drug Testing Decision Tree is used by supervisory personnel to make drug-testing determinations following all accidents involving employees. The completed form will be forwarded to the Drug and Alcohol Test Program Administrator.

34.14.3. Compliance

FTA drug testing regulations require that all supervisors must undergo a minimum of sixty minutes of training on the signs and symptoms of drug use before they are qualified to make reasonable suspicion determination. A similar provision in the FTA alcohol testing regulation requires supervisors to undergo an additional sixty minutes of training on the signs and symptoms of alcohol use. The Drug and Alcohol Program Manager will ensure supervisory staff meet these minimum qualifications and will provide or arrange for refresher training when requested.

34.14.4. Program Responsibility

The O&M Contractor has primary responsibility for administering the Drug and Alcohol Program.

34.14.5. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program

For Cincinnati Streetcar, the O&M Contractor has primary responsibility for administering the Substance Abuse Testing Program in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40: Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs and 49 CFR Part 655: Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations.

35. Operational and Maintenance Procedure Compliance Monitoring

The Streetcar Operator Rule book, SOPs, Operations Control Procedures, Emergency Operating Procedures, and Bulletins all govern operations procedures during normal and abnormal

conditions and are considered safety-critical documents. Additionally, the Maintenance SOPs govern maintenance practices (Inspection and Maintenance Manual). All these documents are subject to configuration management and formal document control procedures. Operations Supervisors conduct audits to ensure compliance of rules and procedures. This is accomplished through service audits. Safety performance issues are documented and tracked to determine if remedial action is required. The Streetcar Operations Manager will keep a log for rules compliance and update the committee annually.

The Maintenance Department is responsible for inspections of the facilities, equipment, and infrastructure. These safety inspections include life safety (alarm, fire doors and carbon monoxide monitoring), suppression systems and equipment lifts (portable and fixed). Streetcars are maintained at a minimum in accordance with manufacturer recommendations or at a higher level. Most of the preventative maintenance intervals are time driven based. Maintenance is tracked and coordinated through time schedules, which are maintained by the maintenance personnel using Maintenance Information Systems software. All maintenance is scheduled through work orders and completed within a twenty-percent requirement of the schedule maintenance activity. The Maintenance Department maintains a Quality Assurance Program to ensure audits and inspections are conducted. See the Cincinnati Streetcar Management Plan.

36. Risk Mitigation Monitoring

The purpose of Risk Mitigation monitoring is to identify any safety risk mitigations that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended. At Cincinnati Streetcar this is accomplished though safety performance monitoring.

37. Safety Event Investigation

Safety Events are investigated in the context in which they occur. Collision events are investigated by qualified investigators. For more information see the Cincinnati Streetcar Accident and Incident Investigation Procedure.

38. Management of Change

Change management is activities through which Cincinnati Streetcar ensures that any changes or proposed changes don't introduce new hazards, and if changes have introduced new hazards, measures to mitigate their potential consequences are instituted.

The process for identifying and assessing changes is contained in the Cincinnati Streetcar Configuration Management Plan. The purpose of configuration management plan is to ensure that changes to safety-critical systems and subsystems are reviewed prior to implementation. This assures there are a set of practices and procedures of identifying all components and their relationship in a dynamic and continually evolving system for the purpose of maintaining integrity, traceability and control over change throughout the cradle to grave lifecycle of the component. These practices will ensure that appropriate personnel have been provided accurate reference documentation for maintaining components and any modifications to

components are properly and systematically documented. A change in configuration refers to a modification that may result in a change to physical and/or operational features of any asset.

For additional information, see the Cincinnati Streetcar Configuration Management Change Procedure.

39. Continuous Improvement

Continuous improvement is a process in which Cincinnati Streetcar works towards revising current processes in response to changing needs, operational environment, or standards. In the case of safety, this is accomplished through monitoring and evaluation of SMS performance to ensure we meet our safety performance targets. This is accomplished through internal/external audits and self-assessments.

40. Safety Promotion

Safety Promotion improves safety performance by increasing awareness through communication and training. It also displays continuous management commitment to communication. In fact, one of management's most important responsibilities of management is to encourage and motivate others to want to communicate openly, authentically, and without concern of reprisal. Training also documents executive management responsibilities to allocate resources to training and maintain the relationship between safety training and SRM and safety assurance.

41. Training and Certification Program

Safety training is conducted on equipment. Operating Rules and SOPs will be prepared by the O&M Contractor and provided to all operating personnel. The O&M Contractor oversees the formulation of training programs and records, SOPs, and Rules and maintains all records, which are kept at the streetcar office. The O&M contractor's training plan is maintained in an Operations and Maintenance plan for frontline employees. The City of Cincinnati commits to continuous training for the Streetcar Director, Chief Safety Officer and Transit Coordinator.

41.1. City of Cincinnati

The Streetcar Director, Chief Safety Officer and Transit Coordinator will attend TSA sponsored classes provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Safety Institute (TSI). The PTSCTP requires that the 4 classes be completed over a 3-year period. When completed, this training results in a certificate for the Transit Safety and Security Program (Transit Rail Program).

41.2. Rail Vehicle Operators

All Streetcar Operators will be required to successfully complete the streetcar operations training program prepared by the O&M Contractor and approved by the SSRC, ODOT, and the City of Cincinnati. The O&M Contractor's training plan is contained within the Operations and Maintenance Plan. The O&M Contractor also has a fully developed Streetcar Operator Training plan with a recently updated Training syllabus.

All new Streetcar Operators are given the Streetcar Operator Training Course. This course covers SOPs and Operator Rules that govern the Streetcar alignment and operation. Operators are issued manuals for safe operation and troubleshooting of Streetcar vehicles.

New Streetcar Operators are also evaluated by established Operators using an Observation Report Form. New Operators must meet criteria satisfactorily or will receive additional training. O&M Contractor, on a separate occasion prior to certification, will determine whether the Operator demonstrates safe control of the Streetcar or needs additional training. Each Operator is certified with both written and practical testing to validate operational readiness.

41.2.1. Extensions and Major Modifications

Updated training materials will be developed under coordination by the General Manager, Operations and Safety Manager, Maintenance Manager, and Streetcar Supervisors prior to the opening of any new rail extension or major modification to the existing Streetcar line. Operations personnel will be certified by written and practical testing.

41.2.2. Rail Vehicle Operator Compliance

Streetcar Operators are subject to periodic in-service evaluations by Streetcar Supervisors who monitor their compliance to rules and procedures outlined in the Rule Book and SOP manual. The Supervisor completes an Observation Report Form after completion of the in-service evaluation and will review the information in the report with the Operator. Operators observed violating any rule or procedure are subject to progressive discipline. The O&M Contractor will maintain a Rule Violation Log that chronicles violations each month and administers all disciplinary actions, retraining, re-instructions, and determines the consequence to rule violations.

41.3. Maintenance

Maintenance requirements, methods and procedures of equipment and systems are described in manuals, handbooks, and other documentation developed for the training and certification of maintenance personnel. Use of personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency equipment, and safety instruction are included within the training program.

Maintenance personnel who are required to operate Streetcars, hi-rail equipment, heavy equipment, or other specialized vehicles/equipment/apparatus are certified by both written and practical testing in order to document the employee's knowledge of safety and operating procedures and skill in the proper and safe operation and procedures.

41.4. Refresher Training

41.4.1. Rail Vehicle Operators

Annually, each Operator is given a refresher course on the rules and procedures and will re-certify with written and practical testing. The re-certification may consist of one or more of the following: a quiz, a checklist, a test, and a demonstration of troubleshooting techniques. Any person who fails the annual examination is given special retraining

41.4.2. Maintenance Personnel

Annually, each employee will re-certify in the proper and safe use of the equipment/vehicles with written and practical testing. Each person who fails the annual examination is given special retraining.

41.5. Contractor Training

Construction safety and project management is privately contracted in accordance with City of Cincinnati procedures. Contractors must first seek approval, in writing, to perform work on or near property and infrastructure.

Contractors will contact the City to apply for a Track Access Permit for rail-related projects. The request is forwarded to the O&M Contractor for review. Contractor requests must be submitted, at a minimum, one week in advance of scheduled work. Once approved, the O&M Operations Manager will provide a Track Access Permit to the requesting party. The Access Permit details the work to be performed, the time the work will be performed, and contact information for the on-site contractor Supervisor. The City of Cincinnati will receive a copy of the access permit.

The O&M Contractor must ensure that the requesting party abides by the safety requirements established by Cincinnati Streetcar. Requirements include, but are not limited to: reflective safety vests, proper hand signaling to Streetcar Operators, and understanding of inherent dangers of the live and hot overhead contact system.

Contractors are required to attend safety certification classes prior to approval and issuance of a Track Access Permit; this requirement depends on the work request. The O&M Contractor will make arrangements for contractors to attend such classes and receive certification prior to the approval and issuance of an Access permit, when necessary.

42. Recordkeeping

Per 49 CFR Part 673.31 Cincinnati Streetcar must maintain the documents utilized to create the ASP, including those related to the implementation of the SMS, and results from SMS processes and activities. Cincinnati Streetcar must also maintain documents (e.g. procedures, plans) that are included in whole, or by reference, that describe the programs, policies, and procedures that are used to carry out the ASP. These documents will be made available upon request by the FTA or other Federal entity, or the ODOT SSO. All these documents require a minimum retention of three years after creation.

43. Risk Based Inspections by ODOT

Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (49 U.S.C. § 5329), the Cincinnati Streetcar adds the following citations to the Agency Safety Plan to facilitate and comply with Special Directive No. 22-41, Required Actions to Implement a Risk-Based Inspection Program at the Ohio Department of

Transportation, the ODOT SSO Program Standard Section 1.8, and Reference Guide Section 5.6.

Risk-Based Inspections – A risk-based inspection program uses qualitative and quantitative data analysis to inform ongoing inspection activities. Risk-based inspection programs are designed to prioritize inspections to address safety concerns and hazards associated with the highest levels of safety risk.

Inspection Access – The Cincinnati Streetcar provides ODOT with the authority and capability to enter the rail facilities that ODOT oversees to inspect infrastructure, equipment, records, personnel, and data, including the data that the Cincinnati Streetcar collects when identifying and evaluating safety risks.

Inspection Access Policies and Procedures – ODOT, in consultation with Cincinnati Streetcar, has established policies and procedures regarding the access for ODOT to conduct inspections of Cincinnati Streetcar, including access for inspections that occur without advance notice to Cincinnati Streetcar.

Data Collection – The Cincinnati Streetcar provides ODOT with the data that the Cincinnati Streetcar collects when identifying and evaluating safety risks, such as:

- Safety program data
    - Records of safety events
    - Hazard records
    - Safety risk mitigation records
    - Corrective actions plans
    - Records of near misses
- Maintenance data
    - Inspection and maintenance records and report forms
    - Work orders
    - Records of failures and defects
    - Records of revenue vehicles out of service, including causal information
    - Major maintenance activity schedule and progress
    - Adherence to maintenance schedules, including reports and documentation of deferred maintenance
- Inspection data
    - Inspection records and report forms
    - Records of failure and defects
    - Records of speed restrictions
    - Event and safety risk mitigation verification
    - Adherence to inspection schedules including reports and documentation of inspections not performed
    - Capital project schedules and progress

Data Collection Policies and Procedures – ODOT, coordinating with the Cincinnati Streetcar, has established policies and procedures for collecting data described in the Data Collection requirements, including with respect to frequency of collection, that is commensurate

with the size and complexity of the Cincinnati Streetcar, see the ODOT/Cincinnati Streetcar Data Products List/Table.

Incorporation of These Requirements – Policies and procedures established by ODOT for Risk-Based inspections remain incorporated into the Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan.

44. References

49 CFR 673 – Final Rule
Cincinnati Streetcar Safety and Security Review Committee procedure
Cincinnati Streetcar Configuration Management Change Procedure
Cincinnati Streetcar Hazard Management Plan
Cincinnati Streetcar Internal Audit Plan
Cincinnati Streetcar Accident and Incident Investigation Procedure
Cincinnati Streetcar Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Development, Tracking and Closeout Procedure Review and Approval Plan
Cincinnati Streetcar Maintenance Plan

Appendix A
Definitions of Special Terms Used in the Safety Plan

Accident means an Event that involves any of the following: a loss of life; a report of a serious injury to a person; a collision of public transportation vehicles; a runaway train; an evacuation for life safety reasons; or any derailment of a rail transit vehicle, at any location, at any time, whatever the cause.

Accountable Executive means a single, identifiable person who has ultimate responsibility for carrying out the Public Transportation ASP of a public transportation agency; responsibility for carrying out the agency's Transit Asset Management Plan; and control or direction over the human and capital resources needed to develop and maintain both the agency's Public Transportation ASP, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5329(d), and the agency's Transit Asset Management Plan in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5326.

Chief Safety Officer means an adequately trained individual who has responsibility for safety and reports directly to a transit agency's chief executive officer, general manager, president, or equivalent officer. A Chief Safety Officer may not serve in other operational or maintenance capacities, unless the Chief Safety Officer is employed by a transit agency that is a small public transportation provider as defined in this part, or a public transportation provider that does not operate a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

Consequence means a potential outcome of a safety hazard.

Equivalent Authority means an entity that carries out duties similar to that of a Board of Directors, for a recipient or sub recipient of FTA funds under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, including sufficient authority to review and approve a recipient or sub recipient's Public Transportation ASP.

Event means any Accident, Incident, or Occurrence.

FTA means the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration within the United States Department of Transportation.

Hazard means any real or potential condition that can cause injury, illness, or death; damage to or loss of the facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure of a public transportation system; or damage to the environment.

Incident means an event that involves any of the following: A personal injury that is not a serious injury; one or more injuries requiring medical transport; or damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure that disrupts the operations of a transit agency.

Investigation means the process of determining the causal and contributing factors of an accident, incident, or hazard, for the purpose of preventing recurrence and mitigating risk.

National Public Transportation Safety Plan means the plan to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Occurrence means an Event without any personal injury in which any damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure does not disrupt the operations of a transit agency.

Operator of a Public Transportation System means a provider of public transportation as defined under 49 U.S.C. 5302(14).

Performance Measure means an expression based on a quantifiable indicator of performance or condition that is used to establish targets and to assess progress toward meeting the established targets.

Performance Target means a quantifiable level of performance or condition, expressed as a value for the measure, to be achieved within a time period required by the FTA.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan means the documented comprehensive ASP for a transit agency that is required by 49 U.S.C. 5329 and this part.

Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System means any fixed guideway system that uses rail, is operated for public transportation, is within the jurisdiction of a State, and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Railroad Administration, or any such system in engineering or construction. Rail fixed guideway public transportation systems include but are not limited to rapid rail, heavy rail, light rail, monorail, trolley, inclined plane, funicular, and automated guideway.

Rail Transit Agency means any entity that provides services on a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

Risk means the composite of predicted severity and likelihood of the potential effect of a hazard.

Risk Mitigation means a method or methods to eliminate or reduce the effects of hazards.

Safety Assurance means processes within a transit agency's SMS that functions to ensure the implementation and effectiveness of safety risk mitigation, and to ensure that the transit agency meets or exceeds its safety objectives through the collection, analysis, and assessment of information.

Safety Deficiency *means a condition that is a source of hazards and/or allows perpetuation of the hazards in time.*

Safety Management Policy means a transit agency's documented commitment to safety, which defines the transit agency's safety objectives and the accountabilities and responsibilities of its employees in regard to safety.

Safety Management System (SMS) means the formal, top-down, organization-wide approach to managing safety risk and assuring the effectiveness of a transit agency's safety risk mitigation. SMS includes systematic procedures, practices, and policies for managing risks and hazards.

Safety Management System (SMS) Executive means a Chief Safety Officer or an equivalent.

Safety Performance Target means a performance target related to safety management activities.

Safety Promotion means a combination of training and communication of safety information to support the SMS as applied to the transit agency's public transportation system.

Safety Risk Assessment means the formal activity whereby a transit agency determines Safety Risk Management priorities by establishing the significance or value of its safety risks.

Safety Risk Management means a process within a transit agency's Public Transportation ASP for identifying hazards and analyzing, assessing, and mitigating safety risk.

Serious Injury means any injury which:

1. Requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received;
2. Results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or noses);
3. Causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage;
4. Involves any internal organ; or
5. Involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Small Public Transportation Provider means a recipient or sub recipient of Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5307 that has one hundred (100) or fewer vehicles in peak revenue service and does not operate a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

State means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.

State of Good Repair means the condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance.

State Safety Oversight Agency means an agency established by a State that meets the requirements and performs the functions specified by 49 U.S.C. 5329(e) and the regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 674.

Transit Agency means an operator of a public transportation system.

Transit Asset Management Plan means the strategic and systematic practice of procuring, operating, inspecting, maintaining, rehabilitating, and replacing transit capital assets to manage their performance, risks, and costs over their life cycles, for the purpose of providing safe, cost-effective, and reliable public transportation, as required by 49 U.S.C. 5326 and 49 CFR part 625.

List of Acronyms Used in the Safety Plan

AAR – After Action Review
APTA – American Public Transit Association
ASP – Agency Safety Plan
CAP – Corrective Action Plan
EOP – Emergency Operations Plan
FSE – Full Scale Exercises
FTA – Federal Transit Administration
HSEEP – Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
JHA – Job Hazard Analysis
LLS – Lessons Learned Sharing System
MOF – Maintenance Operations Facility
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization
NIMS – National Incident Management System
O&M – Operations & Management
ODOT – Ohio Department of Transportation
OKI – Ohio Kentucky Indiana council of governments
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
PTSCTP – Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program
SEPP – Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan
SMS – Safety Management Systems
SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
SRM – Safety Risk Management
SSO – State Safety Oversight
SSOA – State Safety Oversight Agency
SSPP – System Safety Program Plan
SSRC – Safety and Security Review Committee
TSI – Transportation Safety Institute
TTX – Tabletop Exercises

City Council Resolution/Ordinance

Reserved for formal resolution

Cincinnati Streetcar Safety Management Policy Statement

Cincinnati Streetcar recognizes that the management of safety is a core value of our business. The management team at Cincinnati Streetcar will embrace the Safety Management System (SMS) and is committed to developing, implementing, maintaining, and constantly improving processes to ensure the safety of our employees, customers, and the public. All levels of management and frontline employees are committed to safety and understand that safety is the primary responsibility of all employees. Cincinnati Streetcar is committed to:

- Communicating the purpose and benefits of the SMS to all managers, supervisors, and employees. This communication will specifically define the duties and responsibilities of each employee throughout the organization and all employees will receive appropriate information and SMS training.
- Providing appropriate management involvement and the necessary resources to establish an effective reporting system that will encourage employees to communicate and report any unsafe work conditions, hazards, or at-risk behavior to the management team.
- Identifying hazardous and unsafe work conditions and analyzing data from the employee reporting system. After thoroughly analyzing the provided data, the transit operations division will develop processes and procedures to mitigate safety risk to an acceptable level.
- Ensuring that no action will be taken against employees who disclose safety concerns through the reporting system, unless disclosure indicates an illegal act, gross negligence, or deliberate or willful disregard of regulations or procedures.
- Establishing safety performance targets that are realistic, measurable, and data driven.
- Continually improving our safety performance through management processes that ensure appropriate safety management action is taken and is effective.

Signature by the Accountable Executive

_____ Date 2/6/25

Paul Comey

Signature by the Chief Safety Officer_____ Date 12/30/2024

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 202500353

Subject: Traffic Enforcement

Reference Document #202402419

On December 11, 2024, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys referred the following item for report:

> MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the City Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that:
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> - Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2024, and update the same for the previous four years;
> - Shares how many 'traffic blitzes' there were in 2024 and the number of citations and stops for each traffic blitz;
> - Outlines plans for 'traffic blitzes' and other plans for traffic enforcement in 2025;
> - Shares the number of crashes that CPD responded to on Interstate Highways (I-74/75/71) within city limits in 2023 & 2024, including the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) hours spent responding to those crashes and the subsequent follow up.

Overall and by neighborhood traffic citations from 2020 through 2024:

Data is preliminary, and subject to further analysis and revision

Prepared by Crime Analysis and Problem Solving
Cincinnati Police Department

Traffic Citation Counts by District						
DISTRICT	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
CENTRAL BUSINESS SECTION	529	584	610	781	890	3,394
DISTRICT 1	2,697	2,883	2,398	3,357	3,925	15,260
DISTRICT 2	2,356	2,507	2,873	2,736	2,223	12,695
DISTRICT 3	9,171	9,200	11,359	14,463	11,394	55,587
DISTRICT 4	4,838	4,761	4,472	5,471	3,815	23,357
INTERSTATES	1,692	2,235	1,987	3,476	2,507	11,897
N/A OR OUT OF CITY	42	55	47	66	76	286
Grand Total	**21,325**	**22,225**	**23,746**	**30,350**	**24,830**	**122,476**

Traffic Citation Counts by Neighborhood													
NEIGHBORHOOD	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	NEIGHBORHOOD	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
AVONDALE	1,136	1,057	1,108	1,012	697	5,010	MOUNT AUBURN	284	217	271	235	361	1,368
BOND HILL	657	603	554	813	421	3,048	MOUNT LOOKOUT	59	72	83	74	70	358
CALIFORNIA	12	24	32	31	23	122	MOUNT WASHINGTON	93	115	103	131	83	525
CAMP WASHINGTON	353	373	444	807	600	2,577	N/A OR OUT OF CITY	42	55	47	66	76	286
CARTHAGE	265	301	239	282	283	1,370	NORTH AVONDALE	504	373	444	364	387	2,072
CBD/RIVERFRONT	453	518	436	571	690	2,668	NORTH FAIRMOUNT	146	184	169	144	145	788
CLIFTON	408	439	475	592	345	2,259	NORTHSIDE	506	559	688	1,416	999	4,168
COLLEGE HILL	461	535	496	833	437	2,762	OAKLEY	191	315	370	321	321	1,518
COLUMBIA TUSCULUM	89	114	200	356	189	948	OVER-THE-RHINE	640	692	664	765	1,320	4,081
CORRYVILLE	428	419	344	353	307	1,851	PADDOCK HILLS	220	261	201	216	139	1,037
CUF	558	631	489	916	781	3,375	PENDLETON	41	42	45	28	35	191
EAST END	77	94	151	99	109	530	PLEASANT RIDGE	118	157	182	162	114	733
EAST PRICE HILL	1,193	1,124	1,560	1,601	1,070	6,548	QUEENSGATE	472	407	353	712	672	2,616
EAST WALNUT HILLS	78	73	84	81	112	428	RIVERSIDE	138	189	220	295	304	1,146
EAST WESTWOOD	300	276	371	273	277	1,497	ROSELAWN	278	395	285	317	336	1,611
ENGLISH WOODS	64	50	73	83	88	358	SAYLER PARK	73	96	97	233	189	688
EVANSTON	251	233	349	342	247	1,422	SEDAMSVILLE	290	196	336	453	273	1,548
HARTWELL	125	139	116	133	136	649	SOUTH CUMMINSVILLE	100	145	165	153	123	686
HYDE PARK	148	189	193	188	196	914	SOUTH FAIRMOUNT	638	1,001	1,126	1,234	1,032	5,031
INTERSTATES	1,692	2,235	1,987	3,476	2,507	11,897	SPRING GROVE VILLAGE	423	448	459	880	442	2,652
KENNEDY HEIGHTS	30	64	57	38	24	213	VILLAGES AT ROLL HILL	102	77	114	103	118	514
LINWOOD	22	55	36	87	65	265	WALNUT HILLS	964	753	744	607	458	3,526
LOWER PRICE HILL	468	468	563	1,289	1,115	3,903	WEST END	702	894	576	701	756	3,629
MADISONVILLE	224	249	289	219	212	1,193	WEST PRICE HILL	1,144	1,150	1,561	1,400	1,030	6,285
MILLVALE	297	308	303	286	216	1,410	WESTWOOD	1,720	1,822	2,454	2,357	2,236	10,589
MOUNT ADAMS	76	66	174	210	200	726	WINTON HILLS	394	326	247	509	322	1,798
MOUNT AIRY	1,178	647	619	1,503	1,142	5,089	**Grand Total**	**21,325**	**22,225**	**23,746**	**30,350**	**24,830**	**122,476**

Data Produced: January 3, 2025

[i]Data tables reflect citation counts issued by Cincinnati Police for offenses falling under ORC Sections beginning with 45-- and CMC Sections beginning with 5--.

Crash Summary Statistics for those occurring on I-74, I-71, and I-75 - 2023 and 2024, including FTE hours spent on crash investigations:

			Time Spent on Crash (Time Dispatched to Cleared) In Minutes				
	Interstate	Count	Sum	Min	Max*	Average	Stan Dev**
2023	I-74	198	8,737.8	0	154	44.1	27.2
	I-71	547	24,448.1	0	1,105	44.7	54.9
	I-75	1,166	58,422.2	0	5,870	50.1	174.4
	Total	**1,911**	**91,608.0**	**0**	**5,870**	**47.9**	**139.6**
2024	I-74	177	7,712.4	0	222	43.6	32.2
	I-71	531	24,739.6	0	781	46.6	46.9
	I-75	1,320	56,700.0	0	2,955	43.0	89.6
	Total	**2,028**	**89,151.9**	**0**	**2,955**	**44.0**	**76.8**

Note: This does not include the time the Traffic Unit takes to investigate serious and fatal crashes. They estimate crash investigations take an average of 80-120 hours per case, and more for complex prosecuted cases. This includes multiple traffic officer's time at the scene, investigative processes, and trial preparation. They investigated 70 cases in 2023 and 55 cases in 2024.

* Max field denotes what the highest value., which gives an idea of the outlier value. For instance, in 2024 there was at least one crash report/investigation that lasted 2,955 minutes (49 hours). Upon inspection, the calculation Time (Dispatched to Time Cleared) did not accurately reflect the time report/investigated. Instead, this was a complex crash between a bus, semi-truck, and sedan. The officer entered the crash report the day after, including the finalized time cleared. Similarly, crashes with the minimum value of zero reflect reporting

processes, like entering the same dispatch and clearance date/time.

** Stan Dev denotes the standard deviation or how dispersed the values are around the mean. Typically, two standard deviations around the mean denotes an "outlier". With this method, a 2024 crash report/investigation lasting longer than 198 minutes would be considered an outlier. Equation for 2024 Total outlier: 76.8*2 + 44.0 = 197.6

Date ranges for the 2024 Traffic Blitzes, the citation/warning count, traffic stop count, and Traffic Blitz plans for 2025:

Blitz Details occurring in 2024

Blitz Period	Operational Notes	Traffic Stops	Citations	Warnings
Spring 2024 (1/22 – 2/3)	Partnership between Traffic Unit and Ohio State Patrol. The main goal is to maximize uniformed presence and address hazardous driving. The secondary goal is to boost morale and develop relationships with a local partner.	1,212	1,797	80
Summer 2024 (6/10 – 6/20)	Performed by select District Officers and supported by Traffic Unit. The main goal was to onboard and expose young officers to traffic stop processes and their benefits. The secondary goal is to maximize enforcement within each district.	644	556	15

Blitz Plan in 2025

Blitz Period	Operational Notes
Spring 2025 (2/17 – 2/28, *tentative*)	Partnership between Traffic Unit and Ohio State Patrol
Summer 2025 TBD	Partnership between Traffic Unit and District Officers

[i] In 2024 (reporting on 2023), CPD sent out a similar report; however, it used a manual process recommended by the Traffic Unit. This focused primarily on moving charges. This was ideal because it narrowly focused on behaviors targeted for a Blitz, most notably unsafe driving. The downside of this method is new charges can be used, it is time-consuming for analysts, and, most importantly, not easily reproduced. This year CPD improved the process and streamlined the approach by collecting all traffic-related charges (ORC 45--- or CMC 5---). The downside of this method is it includes non-moving infractions, like "Failure to Register Vehicle," and those that aren't responsive to proactive traffic enforcement, like "Following an Emergency Vehicle." For that reason, this report will display count discrepancies when compared to the prior Motion Response in 2024.

Future plans for Traffic Blitzes and OVI (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs) checkpoints in 2025:

The Cincinnati Police Department's Traffic Unit has been tentatively approved to conduct a Traffic Blitz from February 17 through February 28, 2025, and an additional Traffic Blitz in the summer of 2025 (TBD).

The Cincinnati Police Department is a member of the Ohio Traffic Safety Office County OVI Task Force. The goal of the task force is to reduce the number of fatal traffic crashes and alcohol-related fatal crashes by utilizing, where feasible, the low-manpower OVI checkpoint model to conduct low-cost, highly effective OVI checkpoints throughout Hamilton County, and by enforcing zero tolerance of safety belt and child safety seat law violations. Possible OVI checkpoints are in the planning phase for 2025. The dates are to be determined.

Other plans for traffic enforcement in 2025:

Districts will participate in the 2025 Traffic Blitz events and use both data and complaints from the community and community councils to proactively address traffic concerns. Data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety, e.g., crash data, provided by Crime Analysis and Problem Solving (CAPS) will assist districts to conduct enforcement efforts where needed. Traffic enforcement plans are driven through data analysis and initiatives may be spontaneous in response at the district level.

For example, in 2024 District One specifically set their focus on Liberty Street and select Over-The-Rhine streets including Vine Street and Green Street, after reviewing data and other reports presented by CAPS, reflecting top crash and weapon call for service locations. Additionally, District One officers focused on traffic concerns brought by the community related to Mohawk and Renner Streets. This effort was in response to concerned residents of these streets, although Mohawk and Renner Streets were not identified as top crash locations by CPD.

Another example, in 2024 District Three designated the 1500 to 2200 block of Queen City Avenue for PVO (Police Visibility Overtime) traffic enforcement. This was based largely on data from CAPS, which showed the largest concentration of traffic accidents in District Three occurring there. Since then, traffic calming measures have been installed in the area, but District Three has continued to conduct enforcement efforts in this corridor. District Three has also focused on Glenway Avenue between Crookshank and Werk Road, Glenway Avenue in the "traffic calming zone," to stop drivers from using the middle lane to pass, Colerain Avenue near North Bend Road, and on Harrison Avenue between Werk Road and McHenry Avenue. Additionally, District Three's Neighborhood Liaison Unit has worked on traffic complaints in the areas of Chase and Virginia, Werk and Harrison, and Colerain and North Bend.

Districts will also continue to assist and give recommendations to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) in support of their traffic calming efforts. The districts will continue to conduct periodic enforcement in the short term, repeatedly looking for longer term solutions, such as a change in traffic patterns, etc. Additionally, Neighborhood Liaison Units will conduct traffic/pedestrian safety training at community meetings and at schools. Several designated traffic enforcement officers have been selected to focus on reducing speeding, auto accidents, while increasing pedestrian safety.

Grants/Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2024-187 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, for the purpose of funding a program to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

Ordinance No. 2024-186 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office's FY25 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program, to aid in reducing death and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents.

Ordinance No. 2024-188 of the City of Cincinnati is authorizing the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, to fund aTraffic Safety Resource Procesutor (TSRP) position to provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Ohio, and to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio.

Conclusion:

The Cincinnati Police Department will continue to conduct periodic short term traffic enforcement while repeatedly looking for longer term solutions in addition to the continued collaboration with their partners on traffic enforcement and traffic calming measures. Additionally, CPD will continue to utilize data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety, e.g., crash data, in collaboration with Crime Analysis and Problem Solving (CAPS).

CPD will utilize the listed grant funding to collaborate with the Traffic Unit, who has staff supervision over the Department's selective enforcement program and other specialized traffic-related programs. The Traffic Unit acts as a liaison and an implementation site for state programs such as the seat belt and holiday drunk driving programs, to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

cc: Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

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Daniel, Vanessa 202500358

From: webapp@cincinnati-oh.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 11:40 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: Cincinnati City Council - Lobbyist Registration Form

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Submitted: 02/18/2025

APPLICATION TYPE: Registration
LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: Procter & Gamble Company
LOBBYIST FNAME: Bobbi
LOBBYIST LNAME: Dillon
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 1 P&G Plaza, C9-247 Cincinnati, OH 45202
LOBBYIST PHONE: 937-510-5909
LOBBYIST EMAIL: dillon.bn@pg.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Relations
LOBBYIST POSITION: Senior Manager, State Government Relations
CLIENT COMPANY NAME: Procter & Gamble Company
CLIENT FNAME: Mike
CLIENT LNAME: Prentiss
CLIENT ADDRESS: 1 P&G Plaza, C9-246 Cincinnati, OH 45202
CLIENT PHONE: 513-983-6760
CLIENT EMAIL: prentiss.m@pg.com
CLIENT BUSINESS: Manufacturer
LEGISLATION TYPE: Property Tax Incentives (CRA/TIF), Property Sale, Lease or other property right from the City, Loans or Grants from the City, Zone Changes or amendments
LEGISLATION TYPE_OTHER:
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: All matters related to the consumer products manufacturing industry.
CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Bobbi Dillon
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Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

February 18, 2025

MOTION

A Growing Cincinnati – Removing Barriers to Development

WE MOVE that the administration share a plan within 60 days for benchmarking Development Performance Measures vs other regional peer cities (e.g. Blue Ash, Florence, Norwood).

These measures should include the following, to the extent possible, for both Cincinnati and each regional and peer city:

- Fees – permit fees generated per project
- Permit submission to approval timing for Buildings & Inspections and sewer (MSD) & water (GCWW)
- Adherence to an approved plan e.g. changes once plans are approved & plan revision review timing
- Building inspection:
  - Timing to arrive on site & # of days to provide written feedback, # of days to receive Certificate of Occupancy after approval
  - # of permits open/closed (by quarter/annually), how many inspections occur vs how many permits are issues (i.e. % inspection failure)
  - # of inspections per project incurred
- Incentives: CRAs and whether they require legislative approval

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STATEMENT

In September 2024, City Council has set a bold goal of building 40,000 new housing units in the next 10 years. In order to achieve that goal, we will need to rethink the tools and processes that may be preventing housing creation at this level. With headwinds on inflation and interest rates across the country, the City of Cincinnati must ensure that we are competitive in attracting investment that otherwise will go to other cities.

In order to make sure that we have best-in-class service while ensuring safety and quality, this motion aims to lay out a path forward in benchmarking Performance Measures vs other cities. For a few years, developers have shared that approval processes, inspections, etc take longer, and our fees are higher, than our peer cities even though there is nothing unique about Cincinnati that would merit that difference. As a result, some developers share that the cost of doing business in the city is too high so they take their invest dollars elsewhere. By benchmarking Performance Measures, we will set a baseline of success from which we can objectively track progress quarterly going forward with a goal of removing barriers to achieving our housing goals. This will be an important first step, which we will plan to expand to other peer cities outside of our region (e.g. Nashville, Columbus, Indianapolis, etc) in the future.

Mark Jeffreys

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202500247

Date: February 20, 2025

To: Councilmember Meeka Owens

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW

Subject: **Ordinance – Human Services Ordinance Realignment**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **ESTABLISHING** the City's human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2027, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years; **ESTABLISHING** a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding; **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council's priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead; **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that applicants that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, should instead apply for human services funding; and **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that future Impact Awards categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No._____ - 2025

ESTABLISHING the City's human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2027, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years; **ESTABLISHING** a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding; **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council's priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead; **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that applicants that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, should instead apply for human services funding; and **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that future Impact Awards categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 212-2019, passed June 19, 2019, established the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2020 and subsequent fiscal years and advised the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications of Council's policy for human service funding priorities established by category and percentage; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 17-2023, passed January 25, 2023, established the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal years, advised the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications of Council's policy for human services funding priorities established by category and percentage, and included a new Impact Award that prioritized eviction prevention and housing stabilization as the initial Impact Award category; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 270-2024, passed August 7, 2024, established the City's human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2025, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years and a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding and that future Impact Award categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, Council Motion No. 202500147, approved on January 29, 2025, established the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027, that Council have the ability to declare, define, and identify the focus area for the FY 2026 Impact Award, and that applicants who previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction should instead apply for human services funding, with the goal of reducing duplication and improving efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Council further requests the Administration consider increasing funding, subject to appropriation, for human services to represent the additional needs of service providers in the former leveraged support categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, and Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City's process for human services funding for the first year of the biennial budget beginning in FY 2026 shall include an Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project and shall use a multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding as described in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and extending to subsequent budgets and fiscal years, are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead.

Section 3. That the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications consider applicants that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, for human services funding instead.

Section 4. That the United Way and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications use the Impact Award category as determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

Section 5. That the United Way and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications use the funding policy described in Sections 1 through 4 in evaluating applications for human services funding.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 through 5.

Section 7. 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 establish the City's human services funding priorities so that they can be taken into operational account by the City's human services funding partners in forthcoming human services funding allocations.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

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Date: February 20, 2025

To: Councilmember Anna Albi

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW

Subject: **Ordinance – Implement Motion No. 202500146 to Establish Human Services Impact Award Priority for FY 2026**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and any other organization tasked with evaluating applications for the City's human services funding in FY 2026 to include an Impact Award that addresses food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention priority.

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EMERGENCY

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An Ordinance No._____ - 2025

ADVISING the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and any other organization tasked with evaluating applications for the City's human services funding in FY 2026 to include an Impact Award that addresses food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention priority.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 212-2019, passed on June 19, 2019, established the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2020 and subsequent fiscal years, setting funding categories and percentages for the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and other organizations to use when evaluating applications for human services funding; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 17-2023, passed on January 25, 2023, established new human services funding priorities for FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal years, including a new "Impact Award" category that prioritized eviction prevention and housing stabilization; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 270-2024, passed on August 7, 2024, established new human services funding priorities for FY 2025, FY 2026, and subsequent fiscal years, and provided for a single Impact Award for a large-scale social innovation project that would be determined and awarded in the first year of each biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, Council Motion No. 202500146, approved on January 29, 2025, requested that the FY 26 Impact Award be provided to programs that address food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention priority; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and any other organization tasked with evaluating applications for the City's human services funding in FY 2026 shall include an Impact Award that addresses food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention program.

Section 2. That the City's FY 2026 Impact Award shall be provided to programs that address food insecurity as part of the City's broader gun violence prevention priority.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 through 2.

Section 4. 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 establish the Impact Award priority for the first year of the biennial budget beginning in FY 2026.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Councilmember Meeka Owens

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW/MSH

Subject: **Ordinance – FY 2025 Office Budget Adjustments/B VERSION**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of $10,000 within the General Fund from Councilmember Owens' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 to Councilmember Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200 to realign the office budget for Councilmember Owens.

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AUTHORIZING the transfer of $10,000 within the General Fund from Councilmember Owens' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 to Councilmember Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200 to realign the office budget for Councilmember Owens.

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

Section 1. That $10,000 existing within Councilmember Owens' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 is transferred to Councilmember Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200 to realign the office budget for Councilmember Owens.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 ensure necessary funds for the operation of Councilmember Owens' office.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

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Date: February 5, 2025

To: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW

Subject: **Ordinance – CMC Vacant Building Registration**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

> **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 1125, "Vacant Building Registration," to provide a system for the registration of vacant buildings in the City, and **MODIFYING** Chapter 1501, "Code Compliance and Hearings," by **AMENDING** Section 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses" and Section 1501-9(b), "Class D Civil Offenses" to correct a clerical error and add violations of Section 1125-17 to Section 1501-3 and Section 1501-9(b).

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An Ordinance No._____ - 2025

MODIFYING the provisions of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 1125, "Vacant Building Registration," to provide a system for the registration of vacant buildings in the City, and **MODIFYING** Chapter 1501, "Code Compliance and Hearings," by **AMENDING** Section 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses" and Section 1501-9(b), "Class D Civil Offenses" to correct a clerical error and add violations of Section 1125-17 to Section 1501-3 and Section 1501-9(b).

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of Cincinnati residents are negatively impacted by commercial and residential buildings that become and remain vacant for extended periods of time because they contribute to blight and attract nuisance activity; and

WHEREAS, vacant buildings constitute a greater safety hazard than occupied buildings because there is no person on site to alert first responders in the event of an emergency, such as a fire; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), reports that in any given year there are approximately 23,800 fires in vacant residential properties that cause an estimated 75 deaths, 200 injuries, and $785 million in property loss, including loss or damage to adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with vacant commercial and residential properties are exacerbated when the owner or manager of a vacant building does not reside in the immediate vicinity; and

WHEREAS, fires at vacant buildings are an immediate health and safety threat to nearby residents, whose homes may be jeopardized by emergencies at vacant buildings, and first responders, who are required to respond to emergencies at vacant buildings without prior knowledge of the building's conditions, including whether it is safe to enter; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5,500 vacant buildings throughout the City, including in its most densely populated communities; and

WHEREAS, the City has expended significant resources addressing fires at vacant properties, including in response to the December 2019 fire that nearly destroyed the historic Jackson Brewery located in Over-the-Rhine, which required over sixty firefighters working over 36 hours to bring the fire under control, and

WHEREAS, an effective registration and inspection program will help keep vacant commercial and residential properties secure from trespassers and provide safer entry for first responders in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, requiring property owners to provide limited information about the maintenance and condition of vacant commercial and residential buildings will benefit the City by reducing the safety hazards facing first responders and nearby residents; facilitating early warning of abandonment; protecting the City's limited housing stock and historic structures; preventing the unnecessary decline of property values; reducing the well-documented and significant costs annually incurred by the City in responding to vacant buildings, including demolishing, stabilizing, barricading, cleaning costs, and providing for safer conditions for first responders; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance further reclassifies a portion of Section 1501-9(b) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to correct an error created when Ordinance Number 640-2022 was enacted; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new Chapter 1125, "Vacant Building Registration," of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby ordained to read as follows:

Chapter 1125 - Vacant Building Registration

Sec. 1125-01. - Definitions.

(1) For the purposes of this Chapter, words and phrases shall have their ordinary meaning unless defined herein or in the preceding Chapters of Title XI, "Cincinnati Building Code."

(2) "Vacant building" means a building that for 180 days or more:

(a) has not been occupied by human inhabitants with legal authority to be on the premises;

(b) where substantially all lawful business or construction operation has ceased; or

(c) that is 95 percent or more unoccupied.

(2) "Vacant building maintenance plan" means a written plan submitted to the director that sets forth the owner or person in control's intentions for maintaining the vacant building in a manner that complies with all applicable provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code and Cincinnati Building Code, and that includes a timeline for rehabilitating and reoccupying, or demolishing the building.

Sec. 1125-03. - Scope.

(1) The provisions of this Chapter apply to all vacant buildings except those listed below:

(a) buildings subject to CBC Chapter 1123, "Vacant Foreclosed Residential Property Registration";

(b) buildings subject to CBC Section 1101-77, "Obligations of Owners and Persons in Control of Vacated Buildings"; or

(c) buildings owned by the federal government, the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions, including, but not limited to, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, the Hamilton County Treasurer, or the City of Cincinnati.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, the director may exempt from registration certain vacant buildings by issuing a written determination pursuant to CBC Section 1101-80.1 or those vacant buildings that meet one of the following criteria:

(a) The building is undergoing active renovation, rehabilitation, or construction that will result in a legally occupied building, conditioned upon the following:

i. the owner or person in control demonstrates to the director's satisfaction that all necessary approvals and permits for such renovation, rehabilitation, or construction have been obtained; and

ii. the director approves a time period for completing the renovation, rehabilitation, or construction.

(b) The building is a single-family or owner-occupied two- or three-family residential building in which the owner has resided for at least three of the previous nine months, and in which the owner has a present intent to reside within the next three months.

(c) Buildings for which a vacant building maintenance plan has been submitted to the director for approval and which, when the vacant building maintenance plan is implemented, the need for monitoring of the building by the Department of Buildings and Inspections is eliminated. The director may revoke a vacant building maintenance plan and impose registration obligations upon determining that the owner or person in control of a vacant building violated the vacant building maintenance plan or other law governing the rehabilitation or condition of the subject building. Upon such revocation, the owner or person in control of a vacant building shall register the property within fourteen days of the director's issuance of written notice of default. Fees reinstated under this section shall be a debt due and payable to the City within thirty days of the director's decision.

Sec. 1125-05. - General Obligations of Owners and Persons in Control of Vacant Buildings.

(1) The owner or person in control of a vacant building must register the building as set forth in this Chapter, unless expressly exempted under CBC Section 1125-03, "Scope."

(2) The owner or person in control of a vacant building, once having registered, has a continuing obligation to notify the director in writing of any changes regarding the status and condition of the building during the registration period, including:

(a) any change in information on the vacant building registration form;

(b) any change in ownership, management, or control of the vacant building; or

(c) any reoccupation of the building.

(3) The owner or person in control of a vacant building shall designate a person residing within 100 miles of the building who will respond to emergency or maintenance issues. The owner or person in control shall provide the name, address, and telephone for this individual, and for any and all persons in control of the vacant building to the director.

(4) Satisfaction of the obligations set forth in this Chapter does not relieve the owner or person in control of a vacant building of their responsibility to maintain the property in compliance with any other provision of the CBC.

Sec. 1125-07. - Vacant Building Registration.

(1) The owner or person in control of a vacant building must file a vacant building registration with the director within thirty calendar days of the property qualifying as a vacant building under CBC Section 1125-01(2) or within thirty calendar days of assuming ownership, whichever is later.

(2) All vacant building registrations shall be made on forms and in the manner prescribed by the director.

(3) All vacant building registrations shall be accompanied by the applicable fee. All fees required under this section are debts due and payable to the City.

(4) All vacant building registrations shall be accompanied by verification of liability insurance in the amount prescribed by CBC Section 1125-05(1)(c).

Sec. 1125-09. - Vacant Building Registration Certificate.

(1) The director shall issue a vacant building registration certificate upon determining that a vacant building registration complies with all requirements of this Chapter. Certificates issued under this section shall be valid for a six-month period from the

date of issuance. No vacant building shall be required to be certified more than twice per calendar year.

(2) The director may issue a temporary vacant building registration certificate upon determining that a vacant building substantially complies with the requirements of this Chapter, subject to any conditions or orders the director deems necessary to bring the building into total compliance with this Chapter.

Sec. 1125-11. - Vacant Building Registration Certificate Renewal.

(1) The owner or person in control of a vacant building shall have a continuing obligation to renew a vacant building registration before its expiration, so long as a building remains vacant.

(2) All vacant building registration renewals shall be submitted on forms and in the manner prescribed by the director.

(3) All vacant building registration renewals shall be accompanied by the applicable fee. All renewal fees required under this section are debts due and payable to the City.

Sec. 1125-13. - Periodic Inspections.

(1) The director is authorized to inspect any vacant building subject to registration under this Chapter to ensure it is being maintained consistent with the CBC, is safe for entry by first responders in times of emergency and does not represent a threat to the public health, welfare, or safety.

(2) All inspections performed by the director are subject to the provisions of CBC Section 1101-45, "Right of Entry and Credentials."

Sec. 1125-15. - Enforcement.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, obstruct, or cause delay in the performance of the director's duties under this Chapter.

(2) The director is authorized to issue orders, notices, and citations to enforce the regulations of this Chapter in addition to any other enforcement authority granted to the director under this Chapter and the CBC.

(3) The form and service of all orders and notices of violation issued by the director related to the enforcement of this Chapter shall comply with CBC Section 1101-61, "Orders and Notice of Violations."

Sec. 1125-17. - Penalties.

(1) Failure to register a vacant building pursuant to Section 1125-07 shall constitute a Class D civil offense. The owner or person in control may be charged with a new

violation of Section 1125-07 for each unregistered vacant building on each day a person has failed to register such vacant building or buildings.

(2) Failure to maintain accurate information pursuant to Section 1125-05 shall constitute a Class A civil offense. The owner or person in control may be charged with a new violation of Section 1125-05 on each day during which a person in control has failed to maintain accurate information for each registered vacant building.

Sec. 1125-19. - Severability.

If any provision or section of this Chapter or the enforcement of any such provision or section is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect or render invalid or unenforceable any other provision or section of this Chapter. To this end, each of the provisions and sections of this Chapter are severable.

Sec. 1125-21. - Appeals.

Any person who has a bona fide controversy with the interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Chapter may submit a written petition for reconsideration to the director under CBC Section 1101-80, "Director's Actions."

Section 2. That Sections 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses," and 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 1501-3. - Class A Civil Offenses.

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a section or chapter of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class A Civil Offense. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for the first violation of a Class B Civil Offense.

a.	§ 511-1	Advertising on Vehicles.
b.	§ 511-33	Front Yard Parking.
c.	§ 514-11	Parking Restrictions.
d.	§ 604-17	Unapproved Bird, Fowl or Animal Feeding.
e.	§ 701-19	Order to Muzzle Dogs.
f.	§ 701-27	Loud Dog.
g.	§ 701-30	Dog Excrement Removal.

h.	§ 721-63	Gutter Crossings.
i.	§ 721-65	Obstructing Gutters.
j.	§ 721-93	Temporary Driveway Permits.
k.	§ 723-5	Encumbering Sidewalks.
l.	§ 723-9	Regulations for Wholesale Produce Areas.
m.	§ 723-11	Retail Sidewalk Display.
n.	§ 723-12	Free Standing Business or Identification Signs (Sandwich Boards) on Sidewalk.
o.	§ 723-13	Temporary Encumbrances.
p.	§ 723-17	U.S. Mail Boxes.
q.	§ 723-23	Ground and Debris on Street or Sidewalk.
r.	§ 723-29	Sprinkling Roadways in Congested District.
s.	§ 723-31	Sprinkling Before Sweeping.
t.	§ 723-37	Unloading Heavy Material on Streets or Sidewalks.
u.	§ 723-39	Inscribing Names or Advertising Matter on Sidewalks Unlawful.
v.	§ 723-57	Removal of Snow.
w.	§ 723-59	Ice on Sidewalks.
x.	§ 723-65	Displaying House Numbers.
y.	§ 723-69	Removing House Numbers.
z.	§ 723-79	Fire Kettle Permit.
aa.	§ 729-7	Setting Out Containers.
bb.	§ 729-15	Containers to be Removed from Collection Points.
cc.	§ 729-37	Street Waste Receptacles.
dd.	§ 729-87(a)	Recyclable Materials - Taking Recyclables.
ee.	§ 729-87(b)	Recyclable Materials - Destruction of Container.
ff.	§ 729-87(c)	Recyclable Materials - Relocation of Container.
gg.	§ 729-87(d)	Recyclable Materials - Failure to Remove Container from Collection Point.
hh.	§ 729-88	Yard Waste Materials.
ii.	§ 729-89(c)	Disposal of Unacceptable Waste.
jj.	§ 911-17	Posting Bills on Streets.
kk.	§ 1123-11(b)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to maintain accurate information.

ll.	§ 1123-11(c)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to maintain the property in accordance with the maintenance provisions.
mm.	§ 701-2(B)(1)	Leash Required; Responsibility for Injury (*Leash*).
nn.	§ 856-25(d)	Failure to Provide Registration Number on a Listing Advertising a Short Term Rental.
oo.	§ 1601-57	Enforcement of Emergency Orders.
pp.	§ 1601-59	Enforcement of Health Orders.
qq.	§ 723-34	Skateboard and Other Coasting Devices, Regulation.
rr.	§ 1125-17(2)	Failure to Maintain Accurate Information Once Having Registered a Vacant Building

Sec. 1501-9. - Class D Civil Offenses.

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class D Civil Offense. If the provision is listed under paragraph (a) below, the otherwise applicable civil fine is reduced by ~~50%~~ fifty percent if the person charged shows in accordance with § 1501-15 that the violation has been corrected. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense is liable for the civil fine for the subsequent offense provided below, which fine is specified in § 1501-99 and is not subject to reduction for correction of the violation.

(a) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Subject to ~~50%~~ fifty percent Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 720-13	Private Facilities	Class E
(2)	§ 720-45	Notice of Violations	Class E
(3)	§ 720-69	Notice to Correct Drainage	Class E
(4)	Chapter 855	Rooming Houses	Class D
(5)	Chapter 895	Outdoor Advertising Signs	Class D
(6)	Chapter 1101	Administration, Cincinnati Building Code	Class E
(7)	Chapter 1106	General and Specialty Contractors	Class E
(8)	Chapter 1107	Elevator and Conveyer Equipment	Class E

(9)	Chapter 1117	Housing Code	Class E
(10)	Chapter 1119	Building Hazard Abatement Code	Class E
(11)	Chapter 1127	General Inspection Programs Code	Class E
(12)	Title XIV	Zoning Code	Class E
(13)	§ 1201-21	Maintenance	Class D
(14)	§ 1201-33	Evacuation	Class D
(15)	§ 1201-35	Spills and Leaks	Class D
(16)	Chapter 1235	Detectors, Early Fire Warning Systems	Class D
(17)	§ 1123-11(a)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to register a vacant, foreclosed property.	Class E

(b) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Not Subject to ~~50%~~ fifty percent Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 718-25	Secret Street Uses	Class E
(2)	§ 721-59	Taking Material from Streets	Class E
(3)	§ 729-71(c)(2)	Personal Property Left Abandoned on Streets and Sidewalks - 4 or more items	Class D
(4)	§ 761-14	Eviction or Retaliation by Landlord	Class E
(5)	Chapter 891	Home Improvement	Class E
(6)	§ 1201-47	Failure to Comply with Orders	Class D
(7)	§ 1219-21	Causing Fire Through Negligence	Class D
(8)	Chapter 1251	Fire Starting Apparatus	Class D
(9)	§ 759-4	Use of a Motor Vehicle to Facilitate a Drug Related Crime	Class D
(10)	Chapter 722	Management and Control of the Use of the City Right-of-Way	Class E
(11)	Chapter 730	Commercial Waste Franchises	
(12)	§ 856-25(c)	Violation of Limitations on Operators or Operation of Short Term Rentals	Class D
~~(13)~~	~~§ 1125-17(1)~~	~~Failure to Register a Vacant Building~~	~~Class E~~
~~(14)~~ (13)	§ 1601-57	Enforcement of Emergency Orders	Class D

~~(15)~~ (14)	§ 1601-59	Enforcement of Health Orders	Class D
~~(16)~~ (15)	§ 723-79	Failure to Obtain Streetcar Power-Down or Shutdown Work Permit	Class D
~~(17)~~ (16)	Chapter 811	e-Scooter Rental Franchises	Class D
~~(18)~~ (17)	§ 915-7	Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordnance	Class D
(18)	§ 1125-17(1)	Failure to Register a Vacant Building	Class E

Section 3. That existing Sections 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses," and 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect February 16, 2026.

Passed:_____, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strikethrough.