

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *سن*

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Revised Fees and Penalties**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**MODIFYING** Chapters 1201, “Administration,” 1213, “Fireworks,” 1231, “General Fire Laws,” and 1247, “Toxic and Hazardous Substances – Right to Know,” by **AMENDING** Sections 1201-55, “Posting of Occupancy Signs; Fees,” 1201-65, “Permit Fees,” 1201-67, “Permit Fees for Flammable and Combustible Storage Tank Installation,” 1213-11, “Application for Permit,” 1231-29, “Fees for Certain Non-Emergency Services,” and 1247-99, “Penalties,” to adjust fees charged for services provided by the Cincinnati Fire Department (“Fire Department”) to allow the Fire Department to recover the true cost of the services provided and to adjust certain penalties for violations of the Fire Prevention Code.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would modify chapters 1201, “Administration,” 1213, “Fireworks,” 1231, “General Fire Laws,” and 1247, “Toxic and Hazardous Substances – Right to Know,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (CMC) by amending Sections 1201-55, “Posting of Occupancy Signs; Fees,” 1201-65, “Permit Fees,” 1201-67, “Permit Fees for Flammable and Combustible Storage Tank Installation,” 1213-11, “Application for Permit,” 1231-29, “Fees for Certain Non-Emergency Services,” and 1247-99, “Penalties,” in order to update certain Cincinnati Fire Department fees to allow the Fire Department to recover the true cost of the services provided and to adjust penalties for violating the Fire Prevention Code.

The Cincinnati Fire Prevention Code establishes various service fees by which the Cincinnati Fire Department may recover the cost of various services provided to the community. After a review of the Fire Department’s true cost of services, it was determined an update to various fees and penalties is necessary to reflect the true costs of the services being provided.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to revise fees and penalties so that the City may begin to recover the full cost and expense of the services it provides at the earliest possible date.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
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Attachment