

Date: January 20, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS – 2022
SIDEWALK SAFETY PROGRAM – NORTHSIDE, HAMILTON AVENUE

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Attached is an emergency legislative resolution captioned as follows:

DECLARING the necessity of repairs to certain sidewalks, associated sidewalk spaces, curbs, and gutters in the Northside neighborhood and the necessity of assessing abutting properties to recover the cost of such repairs in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 729 and Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 721.

This resolution will declare the necessity of special assessments upon certain property bounding and abutting streets within the City of Cincinnati, in Northside, along Hamilton Avenue, as noted in Attachment I, Exhibit A, for the purpose of paying the cost and expense of repairing, reconstructing, and constructing concrete sidewalks, driveways, and curbs consistent with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 729 and Cincinnati Municipal Code Requirements.

The property owners are being notified of the need for repairs and have the option to have the work completed by private contractors. Repairs not made by the property owners, according to City requirements, will be completed by the City. The owners of these properties will be billed the cost of the repairs. Costs which are not paid by the owners within thirty days will then be assessed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code requirements.

Ultimately, unpaid assessments will be certified to the County Auditor for collection by the County Treasurer in the same manner as real estate taxes.

The request for emergency passage is necessary to allow administration to proceed immediately with notifying property owners to provide time needed for notification process and establishing a deadline to allow property owners to hire their own private contractor if they chose to. Promptly after the deadline, the city contractor will complete remaining needed repairs to eliminate all hazardous sections of sidewalk along this segment of Hamilton Avenue in Spring of 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency legislative resolution.

Attachment I – Exhibit A

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

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