

November 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager **202103061**

Subject: Ordinance – Modifying Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 324-7

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING Section 324-7, “Scope and Effective Period of Chapter,” of Chapter 324, “Minority and Women Business Enterprise Programs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to extend the effective period of Chapter 324 to allow time for a new disparity study to be completed.

Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 324, “Minority and Women Business Enterprise Programs,” was ordained by Ordinance No. 308-2015, and has an effective date of January 1, 2016, thru January 1, 2021. This Chapter was later amended by Emergency Ordinance 198-2020 to include Section 324-7, “Scope and Effective Period of Chapter,” effective June 24, 2020. This amendment states that Chapter 324 will automatically expire six years after its initial effective date, unless it is determined that there is a need to extend for an additional five years.

The City of Cincinnati entered into a contract with Griffin & Strong, P.C. on June 7, 2021, to complete an updated disparity study. However, the report and recommendations will not be ready for the Administration and City Council to evaluate and act upon by December 31, 2021, the initial date for Chapter 324 to expire.

The attached Ordinance will extend the effective date of Chapter 324 thru March 31, 2023, enabling the MBE/WBE Program to continue without interruption while the disparity study and subsequent report and recommendations are completed, evaluated, and implemented.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Edgar DeVeyra, Interim Director of Economic Inclusion
