


May 8, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202401300

Subject: Notwithstanding Ordinance – 525 Elm Street in the Central Business District “Elm Street Plaza”

Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the construction of an outdoor plaza and related improvements on the real property located at 150 W. 5th Street in the Central Business District **NOTWITHSTANDING** the provisions contained in Section 1411-15, “Minimum Façade Height,” and Section 1411-17, “Commercial Continuity,” of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1411, and any other applicable zoning regulations that would prevent the property’s redevelopment as an outdoor plaza.

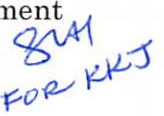
The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the zone change at its May 3, 2024 meeting.

Summary:

The proposed development, to be called Elm Street Plaza, will consist of an outdoor plaza across the current Elm Street, utilizing the previous Millennium Hotel site to incorporate a mix of gathering space, a pavilion with outdoor seating and public restrooms, a dog park, a lawn, fencing, landscaping and greenery, and new entrance spaces complimenting the soon to-be renovated Duke Energy Convention Center (DECC).

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on May 3, 2024 to City Council:

1. **ADOPT** the Department of City Planning and Engagement findings and conclusions based on the fact that it will not have an adverse effect on the character of the area or the public health, safety and welfare and is consistent with the purposes of the Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 111-5 and zoning district(s); and
2. **APPROVE** the Notwithstanding Ordinance permitting the installation of Elm Street Plaza (located between W. 5th Street and W. 6th Street) at 525 Elm Street in the Central Business District.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement

FOR KKT

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To: Nicole Crawford, Office of the Clerk of Council

From: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement

Copies to: Jesse Urbancsik, Senior City Planner, Department of City Planning and Engagement

Subject: Scheduling of Notwithstanding Ordinance – 525 Elm Street in the Central Business District “Elm Street Plaza”

SUM FOR KKKJ

The above referenced Ordinance is requested to be scheduled for the Equitable Growth and Housing Committee. This item requires a public hearing following a required 14-day notification period by mail and in the City Bulletin.

Included in this submission are the following items:

- 1) The transmittal letter to the Mayor and City Council;
- 2) A copy of the City Planning Commission staff report dated May 3, 2024;
- 3) The Ordinance (Transmitted by Law);
- 4) Mailing labels for the notice of the public hearing; and
- 5) A copy of the mailing labels for your file.