

April 26, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager *سلما*
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Bengals Interim Indoor Practice Facility

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Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the real property located at 621 W. Mehring Way in the Central Business District to be developed and used as an interim indoor practice facility **NOTWITHSTANDING** certain development regulations and use limitations contained in Chapter 1109, "Flood Damage Reduction," and Chapter 1415, "Riverfront Districts," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code and **NOTWITHSTANDING** certain other zoning regulations governing the development of proposed facility that would prevent its development and use as an interim indoor practice facility.

The City Planning Commission will consider this Notwithstanding Ordinance at its April 15, 2022 meeting and their recommendation will be presented to City Council.

Summary:

The Cincinnati Bengals request a Notwithstanding Ordinance (NWO) to permit the construction and operation of an Interim Indoor Practice Facility (IIPF) located at 621. W Mehring Way in the Central Business District. IIPF's are a standard practice among teams in the National Football League (NFL) as they allow appropriate practice spaces for inclement weather and an increase in wintertime games, among other variables. This facility will be an interim facility that will be utilized immediately by team players and staff. The Bengals are proposing to build the IIPF at its expensive and plans to have the facility available for use during the 2022 NFL season.

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