

## EMERGENCY

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**APPROVING** the One Ohio Region 2 (Hamilton County) Governance Structure which is responsible for making decisions about Region 2's representation on the statewide One Ohio Foundation Board as well as selecting projects which will be funded from Region 2's regional share of certain opioid litigation settlement funds.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati and its people have been harmed by the misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance of entities responsible for manufacturing and distributing opioids; and

WHEREAS, the harm that the opioid epidemic has inflicted on the City of Cincinnati is vast and difficult to quantify as it includes the loss of life, increase in addiction, increase in crime, and increase in resources expended to abate the opioid epidemic nuisance; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2017 the City of Cincinnati took steps to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable, including by filing nuisance lawsuits against them; and

WHEREAS, in the fall and winter of 2021 the City Manager, after soliciting the City Council's input and on behalf of the City, elected to participate in the nationwide settlements of opioid nuisance lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and its local governments have entered into the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding which governs how the settlement funds owed to the people of the State of Ohio will be distributed and expended; and

WHEREAS, the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding provides that settlement funds will be used for evidence-based forward-looking opioid abatement strategies; and

WHEREAS, the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding creates a statewide Foundation Board which is responsible for receiving and dispersing 55% of all settlement funds received by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding further divides the State of Ohio into 19 regions, which will receive a regional share of settlement funds allocated to the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, one region is Region 2, which is the entirety of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Region 2 must create its own governance structure which will have the responsibility to make decisions that will allocate funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to this ordinance provides the proposed governance structure for Region 2 which will become effective upon the concurrence of all local governments within Region 2; and

WHEREAS, this governance structure provides for the City of Cincinnati to have three members on the Region 2 governance board; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Administrator has recommended an advisory subcommittee consisting of three Hamilton County appointees and two City of Cincinnati appointees tasked with vetting grant proposals and providing recommendations to entire Region 2 governance board; and

WHEREAS, one member of the Region 2 governance board shall be the City of Cincinnati Health Commissioner or his or her designee; and

WHEREAS, the other two City of Cincinnati members of the Region 2 governance board are to be selected by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the City's interests are represented by people with a knowledge of the operations of the City government, including existing efforts and resources dedicated to abating the opioid epidemic, the Mayor desires that the other two City representatives be City employees selected by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approves this selection of City employees by the City Manager; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby approve and enter into the One Ohio Region 2 governance structure attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby approve the participation of the City of Cincinnati Health Commissioner for this Region 2 governance board.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati authorize the City Manager to designate the appropriate City employees to be the other two City of Cincinnati representatives on the Region 2 governance board. These employees will serve on this governance board in their

official capacities as City employees and their term of service will be at the discretion of the City Manager.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate necessity to create the Region 2 governance board before the first meeting of the State of Ohio Foundation Board.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk