

Date: June 16, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

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Subject: ORDINANCE - STREETCAR POWER-DOWNS AND SHUTDOWN WORK PERMITS

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Title VII, "General Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING the provisions of Section 722-3, "Construction Permit," of Chapter 722, "Management and Control of the Use of the City Right-of-Way," and by ORDAINING new Section 723-79, "Streetcar Power-Down and Shutdown Work Permit," and Section 723-99-J, "Violation of Section 723-79," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations" to establish a clear and effective framework for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of persons in the right of way whose work requires prolonged access to the streetcar system, including work that requires the shutdown of the electrified overhead catenary system; and further MODIFYING Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING the provisions of Section 1501-3, "Class A Civil Offenses," and Section 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," to specify the penalties associated with violations of the framework established herein.

Following the completed transition of streetcar management duties from SORTA to the City, the attached Ordinance removes "SORTA" from Section 722-3(d)(xi) of the CMC and clarifies that in order to provide for the safe and effective management of the right-of-way by the City, providers will be required, when applicable, to obtain a streetcar power-down or shutdown permit from the City when working in proximity to the streetcar route.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

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

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