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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, “Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, “Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements,” to provide resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; and further **DECLARING** that the “Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements” capital improvement program project serves a public purpose as it will foster local improvements and investment, increase neighborhood vitality, and have an estimated life or period of usefulness of five years or more.

WHEREAS, resources in the amount of \$2,000,000 are immediately needed for the design and construction of improvements located in the right-of-way including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; and

WHEREAS, the City’s dining establishments occupy an essential role in the vitality of the region’s culture, community, workforce, and economy; and

WHEREAS, such establishments attract persons from throughout the region to Cincinnati and greatly enhance the vibrancy of the City to the direct benefit of its citizens and its economy; and

WHEREAS, dining establishments have experienced substantial losses in revenue and suffered substantial economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ability to expand operations onto sidewalks, streets, and in other public spaces provides critical economic assistance for the recovery and continued viability of restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001 “Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of right-of-

way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets (the “Outdoor Dining ROW Improvements”), that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core.

Section 2. That the sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account 469x232xARP001, “Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements,” to provide resources for the design and construction of improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core.

Section 3. That the Outdoor Dining ROW Improvements capital improvement program project will foster local improvements and investment, increase neighborhood vitality, and have an estimated life or period of usefulness of five years or more is hereby declared to serve a public purpose.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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