

Date: June 17, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
Subject: Ordinance – Charles Street Two-Way Conversion

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Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**MODIFYING** Chapter 507, “One-Way Streets,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **REPEALING** Section 507-1-C9, “Charles Street, east from Central Parkway to Elm Street,” to convert the portion of Charles Street located between Central Parkway and Elm Street from a one-way street to a two-way street.

Charles Street between Central Parkway and Elm Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood converted from two-way vehicular traffic to one-way eastbound in 2021 to allow for the installation of an outdoor parklet to benefit nearby residents. That parklet was never installed and therefore 3CDC has requested the City convert Charles Street back to two-way in efforts to reduce confusion for drivers that resulted from that change and enhance pedestrian safety along the corridor.

Cincinnati Planning Commission approved the change on May 1, 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering