

Date: December 16, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *BBM*

Subject: ORDINANCE – SALE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE HARRIET BEECHER  
STOWE HOUSE

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Property Sale Agreement* with the Ohio Historical Society, doing business as Ohio History Connection, for the sale of City-owned real property generally located along Foraker Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, adjacent to the Harriet Beecher Stowe House Local Historic Landmark, in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati.

The City owns property located along Foraker Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in the Walnut Hills neighborhood, which is under the management of the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE). The Ohio Historical Society would like to purchase this Property from the City for integration with the adjacent property commonly known as the Harriet Beecher Stowe House Local Historic Landmark.

The City Manager, in consultation with DOTE, has determined that the Property is not needed for transportation or any other municipal purpose.

The approximate fair market value of the Property is \$35,000, however, the City will sell the Property to the Purchaser for \$1 due to the noneconomic benefits of the Purchaser's nonprofit status and the purpose for which it is being acquired, namely, to support and enhance the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, recognized for having significant historic value.

The City Planning Commission approved the sale at its meeting on June 23, 2017.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

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

*John B.*