

Date: August 5, 2026

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Clifton Fest 2026**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Rachel Toney has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): (Cincinnati Fire Department, Metro, Cincinnati Police Special Events Unit, Cincinnati Police District 4, Traffic and Engineering Department, Traffic and Road Operations Department and The Health Department). There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE: Clifton Fest 2026
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER: Rachel Toney
CONTACT PERSON: Rachel Toney
LOCATION: Ludlow Ave between Middleton Ave
DATE(S) AND TIME(S): 9/26/26 12pm to 10pm
EVENT DESCRIPTION: The annual celebration of music and art returns to the Clifton Gaslight District. Cliftonfest is a free street festival that draws thousands of people from across Cincinnati for a full day of live music, local art, food and community spirit. This year's event features nearly 20 local music acts, 45+ arts/craft vendors, and 25+ chalk artists transforming the street into a colorful open-air gallery. Grab a drink from MadTree Brewing, explore handmade goods from regional artists, and enjoy a full day of creativity, connection, and fun in one of Cincinnati's most vibrant neighborhoods.
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 1500
ALCOHOL SALES: ☒ YES. ☐ NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: TBD

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief