

Legislative Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

DECLARING the necessity of assessing properties in Lighting Group 1 that benefit from special street lighting within the City of Cincinnati for the cost of such lighting for the three-year period beginning August 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, Chapter 727 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the City to levy and collect special assessments for the cost of special street lighting upon abutting, adjacent, contiguous, or specially benefitted lots or lands within the City; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that properties abutting, adjacent, and contiguous to the streets or portions of streets identified on the attached Attachment A specially benefit from the special street lighting thereon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, three-fourths of the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That it is hereby declared necessary and conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare to assess properties that benefit from special street lighting in Lighting Group 1 on the streets set forth in Attachment A attached hereto, which assessments shall be for such properties' share of the cost of such lighting during the three-year period commencing on August 1, 2023.

Section 2. That the plans, specifications, and cost estimates corresponding to the proposed assessments are on file in the Clerk of Council's office, incorporated herein by reference, and hereby approved.

Section 3. That the City of Cincinnati shall pay from \$0.33 to \$2.00 per front foot for the City's share of the cost of the special lighting subject to the proposed assessment, depending on the street classification, which is equivalent to the estimated cost of lighting the streets to standard-level street lighting and is greater than two percent of the total cost of the special street lighting.

Section 4. The balance of the cost shall be assessed by the front-foot method upon all lots and lands that specially benefit from the lighting, except public right-of-way bounding and abutting upon the street or portions thereof and lands owned by the federal or state government.

Section 5. That all properties along the portions of the right of way listed on Attachment A are found to be specially benefited by the special street lighting.

Section 6. That the assessments shall be paid in cash to the City Treasurer within thirty days after the passage of the assessing ordinance or, at the option of the property owner, in three annual installments with interest payable to the City; and that assessments not paid in cash within the thirty-day period shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection by the County Treasurer in the same manner as real estate taxes are collected.

Section 7. That the City Administration shall prepare, in accordance with the method of assessment set forth in Sections 3 and 4 hereof, an estimate of the amount of the assessment against each lot or parcel to be assessed and shall file it in the Clerk of Council's office.

Section 8. That notice of the passage of this resolution shall be provided to the owners of the parcels of land to be assessed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.14 by the Clerk of Council, or a person designated by the Clerk: (i) by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Cincinnati; (ii) by publication of notice on the City's website; (iii) as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 7.16; or (iv) if the estimated assessment against an owner is over five hundred dollars, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 727.13. Notice shall also be provided in accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the City Charter.

Section 9. That the portion of the cost of any uncollectible assessments of federal, state, or City property shall be paid by the City out of a fund provided for this purpose.

Section 10. That notes and bonds of the City of Cincinnati may be issued in anticipation of the levy and collection of the special assessments.

Section 11. That this legislative resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk