

November 6, 2024

Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING a major amendment to the concept plan and development program statement governing a portion of Planned Development No. 67, “University Station,” to change the uses permitted within the planned development to facilitate the construction of a new College of Osteopathic Medicine at Xavier University in the area located at 1720 Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the major amendment at its November 1, 2024 meeting.

Summary:

The applicant team, The Kleingers Group with MSA Design, on behalf of Xavier University, applied for the Major Amendment on September 16, 2024. The proposed Major Amendment requests to amend the existing Concept Plan and Development Program Statement to include the addition of a new College of Osteopathic Medicine building. The new College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) would become the State of Ohio’s eighth medical school and the first Jesuit Catholic College of Osteopathic Medicine in the United States. Xavier is the sixth-oldest Catholic and fourth-oldest Jesuit university in the United States. Osteopathic medicine is a distinct branch of medicine in the United States that focuses on the whole-person, patient-centered approach to healthcare. Xavier University plans to apply for accredited candidate status in the Spring of 2025, secure occupancy of the building in 2026, and accommodate the first academic class in the Fall of 2027.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Kearney

Seconded: Ms. Sesler

Ayes: Ms. Kearney
Ms. Sesler
Mr. Eby
Mr. Samad
Mr. Stallworth
Mr. Weber

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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