

June 21, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301577
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – Modifying Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” of Sections 1437-07 and 1437-09

Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING Title XIV “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by repealing and reordaining the provisions of Sections 1427-26 “Sandwich Board Sign Regulations” and Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in the Urban Design Overlay Districts of College Hill, Hyde Park, and Mt. Airy neighborhoods.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the designation at its June 2, 2023 meeting.

Summary

On October 11, 2022, Cincinnati City Council approved permitting sandwich board signs in Urban Design Overlay Districts (UDOD) in which they were previously prohibited, allowing neighborhoods with UDODs to “opt in” for allowing them if so desired. Each neighborhood must individually seek a text amendment to permit sandwich board signs in their UDODs. Since the approval of sandwich board signs in Mt. Washington, three additional communities reached out to Vice Mayor Kearney to sponsor an ordinance permitting sandwich boards in their UDODs, including:

- College Hill
- Hyde Park (Hyde Park Square)
- Mt. Airy

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on June 2, 2023 to City Council:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments as identified in Exhibit B modifying Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **REPEALING AND REORDAINING** the provisions of Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review,” and Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in Urban Design Overlay Districts in the College Hill, Hyde Park, and Mt. Airy neighborhoods.

APPROVE including UDOD #11, Hyde Park East, into the Exhibit B ordinance.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement