

Date: September 1, 2021

To: Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
From: Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Charter Amendment re Changes to Council and Mayor Candidacies, Successors, Pay, and Responsibility**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cincinnati that would require approval by Council to commence litigation on behalf of the City of Cincinnati or any of its officials; limit the compensation for members of Council to the amount equal to the median family income for the City of Cincinnati; require candidates for Mayor and Council to be residents of the City of Cincinnati for at least one year prior to assuming office; provide that the successor to a member of Council who dies, resigns, or is removed shall be the candidate who received the highest number of votes but was not declared elected to Council; require the Mayor to assign legislative proposals to the appropriate committee no later than thirty days after being filed with the Clerk; provide that the Mayor and members of Council are personally liable for violations of state law regarding open meetings or public records where the violation was purposeful, knowing, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner; and provide for the removal of the Mayor as provided by state law and other processes, by amending existing Sections 3, 4, 4a, and 4b of Article II, “Legislative Power,” and amending Section 2 of Article III, “Mayor,” and enacting new Section 11 of Article IV, “Executive and Administrative Service,” and Section 2c of Article IX, “Nominations and Elections.”

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