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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 

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Subject: Ordinance - Modifying CMC 883 and Repealing 881 – Public Assembly – Special Events

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING Chapters 723, “Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations,” 883, “Public Assembly Permit,” 865, “Theaters and Exhibitions,” and Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Sections 883-1-E “Event,” 883-1-F, “Facility for Public Assembly; Facility,” 883-1-F1, “Facility Manager,” and 883-1-P1, “Person,” and by **AMENDING** the provisions of Chapter 883, “Public Assembly Permit,” to establish a clear and effective framework for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of persons at public assembly events where such events may require heightened safety considerations; and further **AMENDING** Sections 723, “Applicability,” 865-31, “Emergency On-the-Scene Authority of Police and/or Fire Officer in Charge,” 865-33, “Selling of Tickets Over Capacity of Places of Assembly,” Section 1501-11, “Class E Civil Offenses,” to make the provisions consistent with the changes provided herein; and further **REPEALING** Chapter 881, “Facilities for Public Assembly,” of Title VIII, “Business Regulations,” as the provisions are duplicated and incorporated into the modifications provided for herein.

Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapters 881 and 883 were written in 1980 following The Who concert tragedy. This ordinance is consolidating the two chapters into one, updating the language to reflect updated processes, and lowering the attendance number from 3000 to 1800 to accommodate the venues that have been built since 1980. This will also better streamline processes and allow the City to better prepare for future venues. These updates were discussed with interested stakeholders and is meant to align with their practices while ensuring that events are planned and occur in a safe and secure manner to protect the lives of the people who attend the events.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: William “Billy” Weber, Assistant City Manager
