

Date: September 1, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102656
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS – 2020 - SIDEWALK SAFETY PROGRAM – Miscellaneous Emergency Repair Locations – B Version

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

LEVYING assessments for unpaid costs incurred by the City in making emergency repairs to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and gutters at various locations in the City through the City of Cincinnati's Sidewalk Safety Program, in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

As required by state and local laws, this ordinance declares the necessity of levying assessments to reimburse the City for the cost and expense of repairing, reconstructing, and constructing concrete sidewalk and driveways on certain properties (Exhibit A) abutting the following streets within the City of Cincinnati: Congress Avenue, Hurd Avenue, Junietta Avenue, Knottypine Drive, Pembroke Avenue, and Ritchie Avenue for a total amount of \$8,981.11

We have notified the abutting property owners of the need for these repairs. After providing time for property owners to arrange for repairs, the City directed its contractor to repair the remaining properties on the list. Abutting property owners were then billed the cost of the repairs performed by the City's contractor. The property owners have submitted a written confirmation agreeing to have the repair costs assessed to their property tax bill.

With passage of this ordinance, bills not paid within fifteen days will be assessed as provided by the Ohio Revised Code and the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These amounts are scheduled to be paid over a three-year, five-year, or ten-year, as indicated on the attached Exhibit.

This ordinance modifies the amount of time provided to the citizen for payment to allow the City to meet the Hamilton County Auditor's September 30, 2021 deadline for assessment submittals.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to levy the assessments to timely certify the assessments to the County Auditor so the assessments can be placed on the January 2022 tax bills.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I – Exhibit A

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering