

October 11, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202201810
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – Modifying Title XIV of the Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati to Amend Sandwich Board Sign Regulation

Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

MODIFYING Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by amending the provisions of Sections 1427-26 “Sandwich Board Sign Regulations,” 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review,” and 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the designation at its September 16, 2022 meeting.

Summary

In 2021 the issue of sandwich board regulations in Urban Design Overlay Districts (UDODs) was first raised by the Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MWCURC) after several business owners began receiving citations for their sandwich board signs. In early 2022 Vice Mayor Kearney sponsored a proposed text amendment drafted by the Law Department in partnership with the Department of City Planning and Engagement to provide language permitting sandwich board signs in UDODs that choose to allow them, and then applying those revised regulations to Mt. Washington. In August of 2022 the approval process officially began.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on September 16, 2022 to City Council:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by amending the provisions of Sections 1427-26 “Sandwich Board Sign Regulations,” 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review,” and 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts.

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