


Date: December 14, 2020

To: Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
From: Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor 
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance –Charter Amendment Removal & Suspension of Councilmembers**

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 to provide for the suspension of members of City Council upon the filing of an indictment or the filing of certain criminal charges, but before a conviction; to provide for the removal of members of City Council upon the conviction of or guilty plea to certain criminal charges; to require ethics training for council members within 60 days of taking the oath of office; to prohibit council members from revising their successor designation certificates subsequent to being indicted for a state or federal felony or the filing of certain criminal charges against them; and to provide that if a member of City Council is in violation of civil statutes pertaining to official City Council duties, the member shall reimburse the City for the member's share of judgments, fines, and penalties, as well as costs associated with the City's legal representation of the member, by amending Section 4b and enacting new Sections 4c, 4d, 4e, and 4f of Article II, and repealing existing Section 4b.

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