

Date: May 18, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager *smc*

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Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – PADDOCK ROAD MURAL

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the public retaining wall located between 4550 and 4558 Paddock Road in the Paddock Hills neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

The Paddock Hills Assembly (PHA/ community council) received a \$10,000 grant from the Neighborhood Activation Fund through the Department of Community and Economic Development, to paint the mural on a section of retaining wall along the sidewalk at the Paddock Road entry point to the neighborhood. The PHA garnered broad public input through the open artist concept selection process over a series of community council meetings. The purpose of the PHCC mural is to enhance neighborhood identity, community, and walkability.

The proposed mural is approximately 135 feet wide. The height from the sidewalk ranges from 4 ½ feet and 5 feet-2 ½ inches high at the north and south ends to 7 feet tall at its highest point near the south end. The Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) gateway funds will be used to contract with DPS to clean the wall area prior to priming and painting. The artist team anticipates the mural to be completed in the summer of 2022.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the public art project described in this ordinance to proceed so that the corresponding benefits to the City and the Paddock Hills neighborhood are realized at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

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

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