

August 3, 2020

To: Budget and Finance Committee
From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager *CAB to PBM 202000933*
Subject: Emergency Ordinance-Addition of CMC 401-24 Developer Requested Water Main Replacement

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows.

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 401, "Water Works," of Title IV, "Public Utilities," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 401-24, "Owner Requested Replacement of Existing Water Mains," under Division B, "Water Main Installations," in order to establish conditions and requirements for replacement of existing water mains in public rights-of-way or easements.

In recent years, the City and the private sector have made considerable investments to stimulate revitalization of older urban neighborhoods including Over-the-Rhine, the Central Business District and Pendleton. The water distribution system and private water infrastructure in these areas is often over 80 years old and may not support the new uses or the needs of modern sprinkler and other fire suppression and building code requirements.

Currently Chapter 401 of the municipal code provides several "plans" for developers in need of water main extensions in undeveloped areas to serve their developments. In response to Council Motion No. 20190184 dated December 10, 2019, the City administration proposed, among other things, to modify the municipal code to address the timing and fair allocation of costs for water main replacement initiated by a developer to meet the needs of a development. This ordinance adds a new section 401-24 to the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish conditions and requirements for replacing and upsizing of water mains necessary to meet the needs of development projects in older urban neighborhoods.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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