

March 17, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager **202101069**

SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE—Special Assessment for Shade Tree Program**

The Urban Forestry assessment must be enacted by City Council every year to assure funding for street tree maintenance and planting. An ordinance must be approved by City Council to proceed with the street tree program in accordance with the resolution of necessity previously passed by City Council.

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned:

LEVYING a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2022, for control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees within the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District.

January 21, 2021, the Council of the City of Cincinnati passed Resolution 5-2021 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) Section 727.12 declaring the necessity of assessing \$0.21 per front foot for the control of blight and disease of shade trees within the public right-of-way. This emergency ordinance is the third and final step in the process to establish the special urban forestry assessment for the City of Cincinnati for 2022.

The Administration recommends the adoption of this emergency ordinance.

Cc: Kara Kish, Director of Parks *KSK*
R. Hunt, C. Sherman

Attachment I – Emergency Ordinance