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Councilmember

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### MOTION

*To Utilize Parking Enforcement to Positively Impact Quality of Life and Accessibility*

**WE MOVE** that the administration create and execute a plan for parking “blitzes” where resources are dedicated towards ticketing and informing offenders in high impact areas. This should focus on issues related to quality of life, including blocking the sidewalk or other public right-of-way, fire hydrants, bus stops or lanes, accessible ramps or other accessible infrastructure, bike lanes, fire lanes, and street cleaning dates. This should be accompanied by periodic updates on the effectiveness of the blitzes.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration focus on enforcing the street cleaning ticketing and towing in the CUF neighborhood to ensure that vehicles are removed from on-street parking spots so that the street cleaner can reach the curb on clearly signed dates.

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### STATEMENT

Vehicle parking is a privilege that must be balanced against the other quality of life concerns of our residents. Too often, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen patterns of behavior with vehicles that

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have run counter to the positive and safe urban environment our neighborhoods desire. Improper car storage can interrupt city operations, public and bike transportation, the accessible pedestrian network, and more.

The purpose of these traffic “blitzes” is to balance revenue and manpower considerations against targeted areas where intervention is specifically needed. The goal is to help drive behavioral changes and make our communities safer and more accessible. By setting up this operational infrastructure, it allows the city to be nimbler to address future concerns of citizens as well as they may arise.

Specifically, in the CUF neighborhood, the Community Council has for years documented the impact of street cleaners not being able to reach the curb due to parked cars. This has resulted in clogged storm grates and excessive stormwater runoff that carries debris and litter down the hillside and into people’s yards and properties. This also lengthens the amount of time that debris, glass, and dirt remain on the street and pose a public nuisance or danger to residents. The only way to give the cleaner adequate access to the debris built up on the curb is through continued ticketing and towing of vehicles blocking that operation. This practice is done in cities across the country, and Cincinnati should be no exception.