

September 7, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202301917  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Ordinance for Establishing Urban Parking Overlay #4 “Oakley”

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Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** Urban Parking Overlay District #4, “Oakley,” in the Oakley neighborhood as an urban parking overlay district to eliminate off-street parking requirements in certain designated areas.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the overlay district on July 21, 2023.

**Summary:**

The petitioner, the Oakley Community Council, requested a map amendment to create UPOD #4, “Oakley” to apply to five (5) specific areas within the Oakley neighborhood. The Oakley Community Council feels that minimum parking requirements have become burdensome to development in the Oakley community. To spur development interests in their business district and adjacent areas, and to provide more amenities in the neighborhood, they requested an Urban Parking Overlay District. Oakley is a dense, urban neighborhood with a thriving business district and frequent new development and opportunities for redevelopment. The proposed elimination of minimum off-street parking requirements removes an obstacle to the redevelopment of Oakley and could contribute to maintaining the urban character desired by the community. This would allow more businesses to consider opening in Oakley due to fewer restrictions including mandated parking requirements.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on July 21, 2023, to City Council:

**APPROVE** the map amendment to add Urban Parking Overlay District #4: “Oakley”, as outlined in § 1425-04 - Urban Parking Overlay Districts in the Cincinnati Zoning Code, to multiple portions in the Oakley neighborhood.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement