

Date: February 23, 2023

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: ORDINANCE – VACATION OF UNNAMED ALLEY BETWEEN COLUMBIA PARKWAY
AND WALWORTH AVENUE

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to vacate and convey to Experimental Holdings, Inc. certain portions of an unnamed alley designated as public right-of-way generally located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway in the Columbia Tusculum and East End neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

The City of Cincinnati owns certain portions of an unnamed alley designated as public right-of-way, generally located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway in the Columbia Tusculum and East End neighborhoods (“Property”), including an approximately 0.025-acre portion of the unnamed alley, which is under the management and control of the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”).

Experimental Holdings, Inc. (“Petitioner”) desires to purchase the Property from the City for consolidation with Petitioner’s adjoining real property. On April 22, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance No. 97-2022, which authorized the City Manager to sell the Property located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway to Experimental Holdings, Inc., which is more particularly depicted in Attachment A – Property Exchange Agreement.

The City Manager, upon consultation with DOTE, has determined that the Property is not needed for transportation or any other municipal purpose, that there is good cause to vacate the Property, and that such vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest.

The City’s Real Estate Services Division has determined that the approximate fair market value of the Property is \$23,500, which the Petitioner has agreed to pay.

The City Planning Commission approved the sale of the Property at its meeting on November 18, 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment A – Property Exchange Agreement
Attachment B – Vacation Plat
Attachment C – Legal Description

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