

August 2, 2023

Cincinnati City Council  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

**EXTENDING** Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 88, "Surface Parking in the Downtown Development Zoning District" as an overlay district for a period of SIX months, pursuant to Chapter 1431, "Interim Development Control Overlay District Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

**Summary:**

In September 2022, Council Member Mark Jeffreys introduced legislation to amend certain zoning code provisions governing development in the DD, "Downtown Development," to prohibit new surface parking. On September 15, 2022, City Manager Sheryl M. M. Long directed the Department of City Planning and Engagement (DCPE) to conduct a zoning study and propose an Interim Development Control (IDC) Overlay District over the Downtown Development zoning district for the duration of the study. City Council established IDC No. 88 on September 21, 2022 and extended it nine months on October 26, 2022. Since IDC No. 88 establishment, DCPE staff has been analyzing existing conditions, reviewing surface parking permits, and meeting with internal department stakeholders. In initial public meeting has been scheduled for August 2, 2023. DCPE staff will incorporate feedback and questions into the study and continue analyzing and engaging stakeholders, as needed. The study and recommendations will not be complete and implemented before IDC No. 88 expires on September 22, 2023. Staff is seeking one six-month extension to complete the study and approve legislation.

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

**ADOPT** the Department of City Planning and Engagement's staff findings that the proposed extension of IDC No. 88 meets the criteria set forth in Cincinnati Zoning Code Section 1431-13, *Extension of IDC Overlay Districts*, as discussed on pages 1 – 4 of this report; and,

**RECOMMEND** that City Council extend Interim Development Control (IDC) Overlay District No. 88, "Surface Parking in the Downtown Development Zoning District," for a period of six additional months, or until the Department of City Planning and Engagement's zoning study is complete and implemented.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Beltran

Seconded: Ms. Sesler

Ayes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Mr. Samad

Mr. Stallworth

Ms. Sesler

Mr. Eby

Ms. Beltran

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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