

August 2, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301833

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance for the Extending the Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 88, "Surface Parking in the Downtown Development Zoning District," for an additional six months

Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the extension of IDC 88, Surface Parking in the Downtown Development Zoning District, for six additional months at its July 21, 2023 meeting.

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.

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