

October 7, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager *PBM* 202001820

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Establishing the Cincinnati Bell Connector as an Ongoing Fare Free Transit System

Transmitted herewith is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the ongoing operation of the Cincinnati Bell Connector as a fare-free transit service upon the expiration of the sixty-day period established by Ordinance 281-2020, and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VII, "General Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING**, Section 723-26 "Streetcar Designated Paid Fare Zone," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," and Section 770-1-D, "Designated Paid Fare Zone," Section 770-1-F, "Fare Enforcement Agent," Section 770-3, "Unlawfully Obtaining Streetcar Services," Section 770-5, "Unlawful Interference with Streetcar Services," Section 770-7, "Notice of Violation; Exclusion from Streetcar System; Misdemeanor," and Section 770-9, "Enforcement of Civil Violations," of Chapter 770, "Streetcar Transit," to provide for the ongoing fare-free operation of the Cincinnati Bell Connector.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the City Manager and the proper City officials to take necessary and proper actions to ensure the ongoing fare-free operations of the Cincinnati Bell Connector prior to the expiration of the initial sixty-day fare free period authorized by Council.

Attachment