

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donation of a Juneteenth flag in order to fly it from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June as a recognition of Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has designated the nineteenth day of June as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day,” memorializing June 19, 1865, when a Union General re-issued Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, informing the people of Texas that “all slaves are free” with an “absolute equality between former masters and slaves”; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati has celebrated Juneteenth with an annual Festival since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration intends to fly a Juneteenth flag from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June in recognition of Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Landsman has purchased a Juneteenth flag and offered to donate it to the City for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the value of the flag is \$180; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Cincinnati City Council supports the City Administration’s intention to display a Juneteenth flag on the flagpole of City Hall as an appropriate vehicle by which the City of Cincinnati may communicate its commitment to the recognition of Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a donation from Councilmember Greg Landsman of a Juneteenth flag valued at \$180.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation in time to fly a Juneteenth flag during the month of June.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk