

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

REQUESTING that the City Manager, with input and participation from citizens, community councils, community groups, and City partners, develop an additional community engagement plan, which includes a timeline and details the resources required in order for the plan to be implemented by the City of Cincinnati, including the Mayor, City administration, City boards, commissions and Council committees, in order to achieve the policy goals described in Attachment A attached hereto.

WHEREAS, the mission of Cincinnati City Council is to provide, in a democratic and transparent manner, efficient and effective services that will make Cincinnati a better place in which to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, citizen engagement enhances the City's democratic processes, increases transparency and effectiveness, improves the quality of government decisions, and enlists the problem-solving capacities of the general public and organizations outside of the City; and

WHEREAS, this Council acknowledges that those affected by local government decisions should have the opportunity to participate in an engagement process; and

WHEREAS, there have been dramatic changes in technology, especially through broadcast media and the internet, allowing for greater transparency and citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the City previously established a community engagement policy as summarized in the City Manager's FYI Memo dated February 26, 2021, and established the Department of City Planning and Engagement; and

WHEREAS, this Council requests that the City Manager present an additional community engagement plan that includes a timeline and resources required, with participation from community stakeholders; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council requests that the City Manager develop an additional policy to promote citizen engagement in City government, including the Mayor, City Council, the City administration, and City boards, commissions and Council committees, in order to achieve the policy goals described in Attachment A attached hereto.

Section 2. That Council requests that the City Manager (a) convene an initial public engagement session no later than 60 days after the effective date of this ordinance; (b) provide periodic updates to the Neighborhoods Committee on the development and/or implementation progress of the policy and further efforts by the City to enhance community engagement; and (c) present to Council an annual report on the status of the engagement program (e.g., goals, objectives, and benchmarks, and actual performance on goals, objectives, and benchmarks).

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk