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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS – 2020 - SIDEWALK SAFETY PROGRAM – Miscellaneous Emergency Repair Locations

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

LEVYING assessments for unpaid costs for necessary sidewalk, sidewalk area, curb and gutter construction, reconstruction and emergency repairs conducted at miscellaneous locations by the City of Cincinnati through its Sidewalk Safety Program, made in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

As required by state and local laws, this ordinance declares the necessity of levying assessments to reimburse the City for the cost and expense of repairing, reconstructing, and constructing concrete sidewalk and driveways on certain properties (Exhibit A) abutting the following streets within the City of Cincinnati: Congress Avenue, Hurd Avenue, Junietta Avenue, Knottypine Drive, Pembroke Avenue, and Ritchie Avenue for a total amount of \$8,981.11

We have notified the abutting property owners of the need for these repairs. After providing time for property owners to arrange for repairs, the City directed its contractor to repair the remaining properties on the list. Abutting property owners were then billed the cost of the repairs performed by the City's contractor. The property owners have submitted a written confirmation agreeing to have the repair costs assessed to their property tax bill.

With passage of this ordinance, bills not paid within thirty days will be assessed as provided by the Ohio Revised Code and the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These amounts are scheduled to be paid over a three-year, five-year, or ten-year, as indicated on the attached Exhibit.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to levy the assessments to timely certify the assessments to the County Auditor so the assessments can be placed on the January 2022 tax bills.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I – Exhibit A

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering