

Honorable City Planning Commission
Cincinnati, Ohio

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SUBJECT: A report and recommendation on proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” Section 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703- 2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703- 5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,”; and REPEALING Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

Provided in addition to this report are the following attachments:

- Exhibit A Proposed Text Amendment Ordinance
- Exhibit B Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation Letter
- Exhibit C Letters and Correspondences

BACKGROUND:

In February 2019, the Department of City Planning received a written request from the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation as representatives of one of the four neighborhoods to adopt Form Based Code (FBC) (Exhibit B). The letter served as a formal request from College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills, and Westwood to begin conversations with the Department of City Planning, and the Department of Buildings and Inspections, specifically the Zoning Division and Urban Conservator’s Office, to address scrivener errors, clarifications, and internally illuminated signage.

In addition to the above referenced and requested amendments, the City of Cincinnati conducted a review of the Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to identify related and necessary text amendments. Of the areas identified, it was determined that Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” as it relates to urban agriculture, horticulture, and animal keeping, needs to be amended to reflect the recently adopted Chapter 1422, “Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping” of the Zoning Code. The proposed text amendments also include modifications to the Urban Design Overlay District review standards as there have been an increase in applications for development in these districts, and it has been determined that added clarity is necessary to these standards and procedures.

The proposed text amendments to modify specific sections of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII “Land Development Code” is intended to add consistency to the Cincinnati

Municipal Code, continue to build streamlined and cohesive development processes, and add transparency to city requirements and development procedures.

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS:

The Department of City Planning, the Department of Buildings and Inspections, and the Law Department propose the following amendments to the Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code:

Section 1 – Section 1401-01-A8 “Animal Keeping”

Addition of a reference to Section 1422-03(d) “Animal Keeping” for definition consistency with Chapter 1422 – Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping.

Section 2 – Section 1403-05 “Land Use Regulations”

Correction of references to the Specific Limitations list for the Use Regulations for Single-family Districts.

Section 3 – Section 1409-07 “Land Use Regulations”

Correction of references to the Specific Limitations list for the Use Regulations for Commercial Subdistricts.

Removal of, and addition, of Specific Limitations.

Section 4 – Section 1411-05 “Land Use Regulations”

Correction of section reference for the Use Regulations-Downtown Development Use Subdistrict Schedule.

Addition of “Hotel and Commercial Lodging” to Subdistrict “C” of the Downtown Development district.

Section 5 – Section 1413-05 “Land Use Regulations”

Removal of reference to L17 (*Specific Limitation*) that does not exist for “Garden supply stores and nurseries.”

Addition of a reference to Section 1419-16, Additional Development Regulations for “Garden supply stores and nurseries.”

Section 6 – Section 1422-05 “Development Regulations”

Correction of section reference for the Schedule for Animal Keeping Requirements.

Section 7 – Section 1422-07 “Maintenance and Storage”

Correction of section reference for the definition of “Farm.”

Section 8 – Section 1429-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements”

Addition of the RMX district to the schedule for off-street parking requirements for multi-family uses.

Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”

Clarification language for applications subject to review by the Zoning Hearing Examiner.

Addition of language to allow the Director of Buildings and Inspections to order demolition in an Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding established criteria, if it is determined that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay District”

Clarification language that the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall review and consider applicable urban design plans or other applicable community plans when making decisions for projects in an Urban Design Overlay District.

Addition of language to allow the Zoning Hearing Examiner to conduct review of new buildings or change in use of a property, and the establishment of a process for this review.

Amendment to the demolition criteria and process for structures within an Urban Design Overlay District.

Section 11 – Section 1703-2.40 “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 12 – Section 1703-2.50 “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 13 – Section 1703-2.60 “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 14 – Section 1703-2.70 “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF); T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 15 – Section 1703-2.80 “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 16 – Section 1703-2.90 “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 17 – Section 1703-2.100 “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS) T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 18 – Section 1703-2.110 “T5 Flex (T5F) T5F Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 19 – Section 1703-2.120 “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Section 20 – Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required”

Clarification language for the calculation of minimum number of parking spaces required.

Section 21 – Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs”

Addition of language related to permitting and allowance of permanent sign types in transect zones.

Section 22 – Section 1703-5.80 (L), “Directory Signs”

Clarification language for defining Directory Signs.

Section 23 – Section 1703-5.80 (O), “Pole/Monument Signs”

Clarification of the transect zones that Changeable Copy Pole/Monument Signs are permitted.

Section 24 – Section 1703-5.80 (S), “Wall Signs”

Clarification regarding the allowable height for wall sign lettering.

Clarification of the transect zones that Changeable Copy Wall Signs are permitted.

Section 25 – Section 1703-5.80 (T), “Wall Mural Signs”

Clarification that wall mural signs may only be externally illuminated.

Section 26 – Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens”

Replace “Community Gardens” language with a reference to Urban Agriculture provisions established by Section 1422 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 27 – Section 1703-8.50, “Relationship to Overlay Districts”

Clarification language regarding the relationship of transect zones to Overlay Districts including Urban Design Overlay Districts, Hillside Overlay Districts, Historic Assets, and Interim Development Control Overlay Districts.

Section 28 – Section 1703-9.10 (E), “E. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Edison Bulbs.

Section 29 – Section 1703-9.10 (F), “F. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Front-Lit Signs.

Section 30 – Section 1703-9.10 (H), “H. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs.

Section 31 – Section 1703-9.10 (N), “N, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Neon Signs.

Section 32 – Section 1703-9.10 (O), “O, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Open-Lit Signs.

Section 33 – Section 1703-9.10 (P), “P, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Push Through Signs.

The proposed ordinance modifying Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is attached as Exhibit A.

ANALYSIS:

This proposed modifications to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” are necessary in order to clarify existing regulations and processes. In addition to the proposed amendments that add clarity and consistency within the text of Title XIV and Title XVII, the proposal includes language to establish clarity of existing development review processes and procedures (Urban Design Overlay District Standards), establishment of signage types and requirements for certain transect zones within the Form Based Code neighborhoods and adds definitions for terminology that is introduced by the proposed amendments. The following is an outline of the overall categories of modifications, and staff’s analysis of each.

Scrivener’s Errors/Clarifications

Section 1 – Section 1401-01-A8 “Animal Keeping”

Section 2 – Section 1403-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Single-Family Districts

Section 3 – Section 1409-07 “Land Use Regulations” | Commercial Districts

Section 4 – Section 1411-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Downtown Development Districts

Section 5 – Section 1413-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Manufacturing Districts

Section 6 – Section 1422-05 “Development Regulations”

Section 7 – Section 1422-07 “Maintenance and Storage”

Section 8 – Section 1429-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements”

Section 20 – Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required”

Section 27 – Section 1703-8.50, “Relationship to Overlay Districts”

These proposed amendments do not make any significant modifications to content of Title XIV or Title XVII of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These proposed modifications are intended to add clarity to allow for ease of interpretation of the Zoning Code and Land Development Code as it relates to chapter references, limitation references, and scrivener’s errors that have occurred during previous ordinance amendments. These proposals are necessary in order to clean up the existing language in each Title of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Urban Design Overlay District Review Standards

Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”

The proposed amendment to Section 1437-07 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code is necessary to establish an additional avenue for an application for a demolition within an Urban Design Overlay District to be reviewed. Under the proposed text amendment, the Director of Buildings and Inspections would be authorized to order the demolition of a building located in an established Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding provisions that have previously been established under Section 1437-07 (b) of the Cincinnati Zoning Code, if he or she finds that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety. This proposed amendment will allow for the City

to continue to ensure that development proposals and demolitions are in the best interest of public and are consistent with purposes of the Zoning Code established by Section 1400-03.

Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts”

The proposed amendments to Section 1437-09 of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the Cincinnati Zoning Code,” can be further classified under applications for new construction and applications for demolition.

New Construction

The proposed modifications establish clarity in the review criteria for the Zoning Hearing Examiner when considering an application for new construction within an Urban Design Overlay District. The proposed language is necessary to establish that the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall consider applicable urban design plans or other community plans that have been approved by City Council when making a determination on new construction applications within an Urban Design Overlay District. Additionally, the proposed language includes a provision that allows an applicant to request the Zoning Hearing Examiner to review proposed new construction within an Urban Design Overlay District under a two-step process: (1) an initial review of schematic plans with building setbacks, building envelope, site improvement placements, and uses; and (2) final plans, materials, and design consideration. Under this proposed language, the community gains an understanding and guarantee of the overall conceptual proposal that is under consideration by the Zoning Hearing Examiner for the site’s development. Additionally, the applicant gains a level of understanding of the project’s viability moving forward into next steps of site/building design development. This proposed language is similar to the established process for a Planned Development Concept Plan and Final Development Plan under Chapter 1429 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code.

Demolition

Under the existing Zoning Code, a demolition within an Urban Design Overlay District can only be reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Examiner if the Director of Buildings and Inspections orders the demolition for reasons of public health and safety, and the demolition meets five additional criteria. It is the current role of the Zoning Hearing Examiner to determine if the demolition meets these criteria. Under the existing language, buildings that do not contribute the character of the district, but do not pose a threat to public health or safety are not able to be considered for demolition. The existing language has challenged implementation of developments that would contribute to the specific Urban Design Overlay District when the proposal requires the demolition of an existing architecturally noncontributing structure that does not pose a public health or risk to safety.

The proposed modification establishes certain criteria that an applicant would have the ability to demonstrate as part of an application for demolition within an Urban Design Overlay District. Under the proposed language, an applicant would need to demonstrate to the Zoning Hearing Examiner that the building that is proposed to be demolished meets one of the following requirements: (1) the building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by established review factors; (2) the demolition will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by established review factors; or (3) prohibiting demolition of the building would impose economic hardship on its owner, which is determined by weighing established review factors. In each case, it will be the burden of the applicant to demonstrate the case for demolition to the Zoning Hearing Examiner, which is a public hearing. Under the proposed amendments, an applicant or property owner

would have the ability to demonstrate that the demolition of an existing structure within an Urban Design Overlay District is necessary and appropriate in order to proceed with a development that is appropriate for the Urban Design Overlay District. Additionally, adjacent property owners and impacted communities would have the understanding that there are specific review criteria that the applicant needs to demonstrate to the Zoning Hearing Examiner, as part of a public hearing, in order for a demolition within an Urban Design Overlay District to proceed. The proposed language adds clarity, review criteria, and consistency to demolitions in Urban Design Overlay Districts with the understanding that the demolition is intended to achieve the goals of the district and the neighborhood

Urban Agriculture (Chapter 1422) Reflection in Title XVII, “Land Development Code”

Section 11 – Section 1703-2.40 “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

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Section 15 – Section 1703-2.80 “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

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Section 18 – Section 1703-2.110 “T5 Flex (T5F) T5F Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 19 – Section 1703-2.120 “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 26 – Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens”

On June 26, 2019, City Council approved the addition of Chapter 1422, “Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping” to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” (Council Ordinance 251-2019). Included in that ordinance were amendments to terms and definitions related to urban agriculture, horticulture, and animal keeping throughout the Title XIV, in order create consistent language and terminology throughout the Zoning Code. Under the proposed text amendment ordinance, Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” terminology, uses, definitions, and code references will be consistent between Title XIV and Title XVII. The proposed amendments are necessary to avoid conflicting terms and definitions between the Zoning Code and Land Development Code.

Title XVII, “Land Development Code” Signage

Section 21 – Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs”

Section 22 – Section 1703-5.80 (L), “Directory Signs”

Section 23 – Section 1703-5.80 (O), “Pole/Monument Signs”

Section 24 – Section 1703-5.80 (S), “Wall Signs”

Section 25 – Section 1703-5.80 (T), “Wall Mural Signs”

The identified modifications to Title XVII, “Land Development Code” related to signage is a result of an ongoing effort to update the Cincinnati Municipal Code to address evolving development trends and achieve the goals and interests of neighborhood groups. The four neighborhoods that have adopted Form Based Code (Walnut Hills, Madisonville, College Hill, and Westwood) submitted a letter to the City in February of 2019 to address internally illuminated signage in the Land Development Code (Exhibit B). The proposed updates add clarification language for permanent signs in the transect zones of these neighborhoods, establish illumination criteria for specific signage types, define changeable copy signs and establish requirements and transects where these signs are permitted, and provide clarification language and chapter references. These

amendments provide Form Based Code neighborhoods and applicants clarification on the signage types and illumination methods permitted. These amendments are also necessary to provide city reviewing agencies with language to consistently review signage applications that are submitted.

Addition of Definitions

Section 28 – Section 1703-9.10 (E), “E. Definitions” | Edison Bulbs

Section 29 – Section 1703-9.10 (F), “F. Definitions” | Front-Lit Signs

Section 30 – Section 1703-9.10 (H), “H. Definitions” | Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs

Section 31 – Section 1703-9.10 (N), “N. Definitions” | Neon Signs

Section 32 – Section 1703-9.10 (O), “O. Definitions” | Open-Lit Signs

Section 33 – Section 1703-9.10 (P), “P. Definitions” | Push Through Signs

The proposed definitions are necessary to add clarity to the proposed amendments to Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs,” of Title XVII, “Land Development Code.” This proposal will add transparency and consistency to the permissible illumination methods for permanent building and ground signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTIFICATION:

The Department of City Planning mailed a joint notice of Virtual Public Staff Conference and scheduled City Planning Commission meeting to every Community Council and Community Development Corporation in the City of Cincinnati on May 10, 2021. The notice was also emailed to the contacts of record that the City retains for the Community Councils and the Community Development Corporations. In addition to the mailed and emailed notice, a webpage was posted on the Department of City Planning’s website with information on the public meeting dates, background of the proposal, summary of the modifications, and the draft ordinance highlighting each of the proposed amendments.

A Virtual Public Staff Conference was held on May 24, 2021 to gather comment and input regarding the proposed text amendments. There were 15 community members in attendance representing various community councils, neighborhoods, community development corporations, property owners, and interested stakeholders. Representatives from the Department of City Planning, the Department of Buildings & Inspections – Zoning Division, and Law Department were also in attendance.

During the discussion community members raised concerns regarding the proposed modifications to *Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”* and *Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts.”* There were concerns that the proposed language would increase the ability for property owners and developers to demolish structures within the Urban Design Overlay Districts, and that the process of review for these requests will be decided solely by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. There was interest that the community council stance on an application should be considered as decision criteria for the Zoning Hearing Examiner. There was additional concern that during the Zoning Hearing Examiner meetings, community councils do not have the ability to cross examine due to the legal costs associated to hire legal representation and felt the process is not equitable. Attendees also voiced concern that while City staff strongly encourages applicant engagement with the community, there is no policy requiring this engagement prior to application for a demolition or new construction in an Urban Design Overlay District.

There were questions raised as to the purpose of modifying these sections of the Zoning Code. City staff explained that as currently written, a structure can only be eligible for demolition if the Director of the Department of Buildings and Inspections orders the demolition, and it meets established criteria, which is still subject to review by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. Staff further explained that the proposed amendment would continue to allow for a public process of review and a demolition application would need to demonstrate the proposed criteria for each scenario to the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The

sentiment was shared by several community members in attendance that the restrictive nature of the Urban Design Overlay District can be appreciated, but the process and requirements should not be loosened to allow for demolition.

Concerns were also submitted in writing to the Department of City Planning regarding the criteria to be demonstrated to the Zoning Hearing Examiner, including “applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plan approved by City Council” as some neighborhoods either do not have a plan that has been approved by City Council, or the plan that has been approved could be considered outdated. Additional concerns and comments regarding specific criteria proposed are attached in Exhibit C.

Conversely, some in attendance expressed support for the proposed modifications to *Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”* and *Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts”* as the current language prevents an existing non-contributing building from being demolished, which prevents development that is supported by certain communities and neighborhood groups in Urban Design Overlay Districts. These representatives indicated that the proposed language would allow an existing non-contributing building to be demolished and allow a development project to move forward that would contribute to that specific Urban Design Overlay District and neighborhood goals.

During the meeting, there were concerns raised about the timeliness of notifications related to applications submitted to the City, and the short time frame that the community councils are given to respond to applications and proposals. An interest was expressed by those in attendance for added notification to allow for additional time for community councils and residents to react to, and provide comments for, not only applications within Urban Design Overlay Districts, but for development processes in general. This sentiment was shared by attendees regarding the subject proposed text amendments.

There were also general clarification questions regarding the proposal. There were specific questions related to the proposed Community Garden references and definitions, whether LED lighting used as signage in storefronts was to be addressed through the proposed or any future text amendments, and clarification regarding the proposed new construction two-step review process for the Urban Design Overlay Districts. City staff was available to respond to these questions.

The Department of City Planning has also received letters reiterating the concerns, comments, and questions discussed during the Public Staff Conference (Exhibit C).

CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:

The proposed modifications to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” is consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012), particularly within Goal 3 to “foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” (pg. 103), specifically the Strategy to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (pg. 111). The proposed amendments are intended to ensure transparency, consistency, and clarity to the both the Zoning Code and Land Development Code, making development processes easier to understand for both the community and applicants.

CONCLUSIONS:

The goal of the proposed modifications to the specific sections of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” is to add consistency throughout the Cincinnati Municipal Code, continue to build streamlined and cohesive development processes, and add transparency to city requirements and development procedures. Each of the proposed amendments will

add clarity to city regulations for applicants, the general public, and city reviewing agencies for development proposals. The added language to the Urban Design Overlay District will continue to ensure that demolitions are reviewed through a public hearing process, with added review criteria to ensure the new construction and demolition are consistent with the goals of the established Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Further, the proposed modifications to the Section 1703-5.80 of Title XVII regarding signage in the transect zones of the Form Based Code neighborhoods is consistent with the request of the letter submitted by the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation (Exhibit B) to add specific language related to internally illuminated signage.

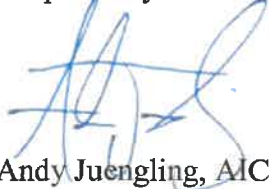
The proposed amendments are necessary to ensure that the City's Zoning Code and Land Development Code are updated to react to public safety, development trends, and the identified goals of neighborhoods and the city as a whole. These proposals are also consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012).

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," and Title XVII, "Land Development Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," 1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703-2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses," 1703-8.50, "Administration and Procedures," 1703-9.10(E), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(F), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(H), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(N), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(O), "Definitions," and 1703-9.10(P), "Definitions,"; and **REPEALING** Sections 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1703-5.110, "Accessory Uses," and 1703-5.120, "Temporary Uses," to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener's errors in the City's zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

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MODIFYING Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” Section 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703-2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,”; and **REPEALING** Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning has recommended text amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code and the Land Development Code to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener’s errors within those codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the changes include providing greater clarity concerning the types of signs permitted in certain zoning code districts; correcting and clarifying code references related to the City’s urban agriculture land use regulations, refining the standards for the demolition of existing structures in Urban Design Overlay Districts, and certain other code refinements; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on _____, the City Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendments and recommended their approval finding them to be in the interest of the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare;

WHEREAS, a committee of Council held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments following due and proper notice pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 111-1, and the committee approved the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the text amendments are in accordance with the Plan Cincinnati (2012) “Compete” goal to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (p. 111); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the proposed text amendments to be in the best interests of the City and the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1401-01-A8. - Animal Keeping.

“Animal Keeping” means the keeping of any animals, including fish and insects, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, companionship, commercial breeding, and/or the raising for human consumption. Types of Animal Keeping may include:

- (a) *Apiary*. Any structure where one or more colonies or nuclei of bees are kept.
- (b) *Aquaculture*. The cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species.
- (c) *Aquaponics*. The combination of aquaculture and hydroponics to grow food or ornamental crops and aquatic species together in a recirculating system without any discharge or exchange of water.

Reference to § 1422-03(d), “Animal Keeping.”

Section 2. That Section 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1403-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1403-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for SF Districts. Uses are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Uses not listed in the Schedule 1403-05 are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1403-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.

(c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1403-05: Use Regulations - Single-family Districts

Use Classifications	SF-20	SF-10	SF-6	SF-4	SF-2	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses						
Bed and breakfast home	—	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-09
Child day care home	L5	L5	L5	L5	L5	
	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	
Group residential						
Convents and monasteries	C	C	C	C	C	
Fraternities and sororities	—	—	—	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	—	—	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	—	—	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	—	—	—	L4	L4	
				<u>L3</u>	<u>L3</u>	
Permanent residential						
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1403-11
Attached single-family dwelling	L14	L14	L14	P	P	See § 1403-11
	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>			
Two-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Multi-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	

	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Residential care facilities						
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses						
Cemeteries	—	—	—	L1	L1	
Cultural institutions	—	—	C	C	C	
Park and recreation facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	L13	
	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	
Public safety facilities	—	—	—	C	C	
Religious assembly	C	C	C	C	C	
School, public or private	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-12
Transportation, Communication and Utilities						
Public utility distribution system	C	C	C	C	C	
Wireless communication antenna	L2	L2	L2	L2	L2	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses						
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	C	C	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses						
Any accessory use not listed below	L9	L9	L9	L9	L9	
	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	

Home Occupation	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-17
Commercial Vehicle Parking	L6	L6	L6	L6	L6	
	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	
Child day-care centers	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	
	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive Box	L8	L8	L8	L8	L8	
	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	
Fences and walls	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-33
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Cemetery, incidental buildings and structures	—	—	—	L10 <u>L9</u>	L10 <u>L9</u>	
Rooming Unit	—	—	L11 <u>L10</u>	L11 <u>L10</u>	L11 <u>L10</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses						See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only expansion of existing cemeteries allowed with a conditional use approval.
- L2 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may only be attached to a permitted agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L3 The minimum lot area for every resident is 800 square feet and the minimum living area for every resident is 250 square feet.
- L4 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.

- L5 One commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot with the following exceptions:
 - a. An unlimited number of commercial vehicles conveying the necessary tools, materials and equipment to a premises where labor using such tools, materials and equipment is to be performed during actual time of parking.
 - b. One commercial vehicle with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked not to exceed two tons in capacity.
 - c. Recreational vehicles, watercraft and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L6 Only if accessory to a public or semi-public use.
- L7 Accessory to a public or semi-public use, provided the drive-box is at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L8 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L9 Mausoleums, columbaria and other incidental buildings and structures within and accessory to cemeteries, may be no less than 100 feet from abutting properties in the residential district and may not exceed the height limitation for principal buildings of the district in which it is located.
- L10 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L11 This use must be legally established prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code. The use has the rights of Chapter 1447, Nonconforming Uses and Structures except for the provisions of § 1447-09 Expansion of Nonconforming Use and § 1447-11 Substitution of a Nonconforming Use.
- L12 Publicly owned or operated park and recreation facilities are permitted. All park and recreation facilities, private or non-profit, require a conditional use approval.
- L13 Attached single-family is only permitted as part of a cluster housing development. See § 1403-13.

Section 3. That Section 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1409-07. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1409-07 below prescribes the land use regulations for C Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1409-07 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1409-07. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1409-07: Use Regulations - Commercial Subdistricts

Use Classifications	CN-P	CN-M	CC-P	CC-M	CC-A	CG-A	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses							
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Day care home - Type A	L3	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	
Day care home - Type B	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	—	
Group residential							
Congregate housing	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Convents & monasteries	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Dormitories	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Fraternities & sororities	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Patient family homes	P	P	P	P	—	—	

Rooming houses	L1	L1	L1	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for elderly	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Permanent residential							
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	—	—	—	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Residential care facilities							
Assisted living	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Nursing home	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing							
Programs 1—4	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Program 5	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Program 6	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses							
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	P	P	

Day care center	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices							
Offices	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	—	—	—	—	—	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facilities	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses							
Ambulance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Animal service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	<u>See § 1419-05</u>
Banks and financial institutions	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Building maintenance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Building materials sales and services	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Business services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facility	—	—	—	P	P	P	

Eating and drinking establishments							
Convenience markets	L14 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Drinking establishments	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6 <u>P</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Food preparation	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Hotels and commercial lodging	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	

Medical services and clinics	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Offices	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	C	P	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Personal services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Private vehicular storage Lot	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment							
Indoor or small-scale	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	—	—	—	C	P	
Retail sales	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services							
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	—	—	C	L8 <u>L7</u>	P	
Car wash	—	—	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	P	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	—	C	P	P	See § 1419-27

Industrial Uses							
Production industry							
Artisan	C	C	C	C	P	P	
Limited	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Warehousing and storage							
Contractor storage	—	—	—	—	L5	L5	
Indoor storage	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses							
Communications facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Transportation facilities							
Heliports	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Railroad right-of-way	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses							

Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses							See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	
	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	
	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	
Commercial vehicle parking	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Small-scale specialized incinerator	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses							See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855. Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code; the maximum number of rooming units is five, and a separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-43.
- L2 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445. Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.

- L3 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L4 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height required a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.
- L5 Permitted provided that outside storage is screened with an 8 ft. privacy fence.
- L6 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.
- L7 Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L8 Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed-use building; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L9 Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L10 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L11 The material incinerated is generated on-site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.

Specific Limitations

- ~~L1~~ ~~Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code; the maximum number of rooming units is five, and a separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-43.~~
- ~~L2~~ ~~Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445, Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.~~
- ~~L3~~ ~~Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.~~
- ~~L4~~ ~~Presentation of entertainment is not permitted in outdoor areas.~~
- ~~L5~~ ~~Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height required a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.~~
- ~~L6~~ ~~Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.~~
- ~~L7~~ ~~Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily~~

~~incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.~~

~~L8 — The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L9 — The material incinerated is generated on site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L10 — Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

~~L11 — Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed-use building; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

Section 4. That Section 1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1411-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1411-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for DD Downtown Development Use Subdistricts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule ~~1411-05~~ ~~1413-05~~ are prohibited.

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1411-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the Conditional Use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions.

Schedule 1411-05: Use Regulations-Downtown Development Use Subdistricts

Use Classifications	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses					
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	

Day care home - Type A	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Day care home - Type B	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Fraternities and sororities	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Patient family homes	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Rooming houses	L2	L2	L2	L2	
Shared housing for elderly	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Single-family rowhouse	P	P	P	P	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Residential care facilities					
Assisted living	—	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Nursing home	—	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—5	P	P	P	P	

Program 6	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Public and Semipublic Uses					
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	P	P	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	
Day care center	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	P	P	P	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facility	—	P	P	P	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Animal service facilities	—	C	C	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	L3	L3	L3	L3	
ATM, stand-alone	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-07
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09

Building maintenance services	—	—	P	—	
Business services	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facilities	L4	L4	L4	L4	
Eating and drinking establishments					
Convenience markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Drinking establishments	P	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Food preparation	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	—	—	P	—	
Hotels and commercial lodging	P	P	P —	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L4	—	L4	L4	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	P	
Medical services and clinics	L4	P	L4	L4	
Offices	L4	P	L4	L4	
Parking facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	See § 1411-25
Personal instructional services	L5	L5	P	L5	
Personal services	P	L6	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment					

Indoor or small-scale	L5	L5	P	L5	
Outdoor or large-scale	C	—	C	C	
Retail sales	P	L6	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	L7	—	L7	—	
Car wash	L7	L7	L7	L7	See § 1419-11
Vehicle repair	—	—	L8	—	See § 1419-27
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	—	—	P	P	
Limited	—	—	P	—	
Research and development	—	—	C	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Indoor storage	—	—	P	—	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	P	—	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities					
Communications facilities	P	—	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	L9	L9	L9	L9	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	—	C	—	
Public utility plant	C	—	C	—	
Transportation facilities					

Heliports	C	—	C	C	
Transportation passenger terminals	C	C	C	C	
Watercraft and riverfront facilities					
Commercial piers and ports	—	—	—	P	
Marinas	—	—	—	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L10	L10	L10	L10	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	—	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided in a mixed-use building.
- L2 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code are allowed. A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-23.
- L3 Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
- L4 Not permitted as a principal ground floor use in locations indicated on Map 1411-17: Commercial Continuity Overlay.
- L5 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed-use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to Chapter 1445-Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- L6 Permitted on the ground floor only.

- L7 Permitted as a secondary use located within a parking garage.
- L8 Permitted only if the entire use and storage is within an enclosed structure.
- L9 The facility must be underground, within a building or on the roof within an enclosure.
- L10 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, public utility, commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L11 Programs may not exceed 50 resident occupants.
- L12 Fencing must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L13 See 1411-25.

Section 5. That Section 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1413-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1413-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for M Manufacturing Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1413-05 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1413-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1413-05: Use Regulations - Manufacturing Districts

Use Classifications	MA	ML	MG	ME	Additional Regulations
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Residential Uses					
Day care home—Adult	P	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type A	L9	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type B	L1	—	—	—	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	—	L1	—	—	
Fraternities and sororities	—	L1	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	L1	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	P	L1	—	—	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	See § 1403-13
Two-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Multi-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Residential care facilities					
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	—	—	
Special assistance shelter	—	C	—	—	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—4	—	P	P	—	
Programs 5, 6	—	—	P	—	

Public and Semipublic Uses					
Community service facilities	P	P	—	—	
Day care center	P	P	L3	—	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Facilities and installations	—	—	C	—	
Juvenile detention facilities	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	—	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	—	—	
Public maintenance facilities	—	P	P	—	
Public safety facilities	C	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	—	—	
Schools, public or private	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Ambulance services	—	P	P	—	
Animal service facilities	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	—	P	P	—	
Building maintenance services	—	P	P	—	
Building materials sales and services	—	P	P	P	
Business services	—	P	P	—	
Eating and drinking establishments					

Convenience markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Drinking establishments	—	P	P	—	
Restaurants, full service	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Food markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Food preparation	P	P	P	—	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	L17 P	P	—	—	<u>See § 1419-16</u>
Laboratories, commercial	—	P	P	—	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	—	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	—	
Medical services and clinics	—	P	P	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	—	P	P	C	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	P	P	P	—	
Personal services	—	L5	L5	—	
Private vehicular storage lot	—	—	P	—	
Recreation and entertainment					
Indoor or small-scale	—	P	P	—	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	C	—	—	
Retail sales	—	L5	L5	—	

Sexually oriented business	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-25
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	L2	L2	—	
Car wash	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-27
Automobile holding facility	—	—	L4	—	
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	P	P	P	P	
General	—	—	P	P	
Intensive high-impact	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-19
Limited	P	P	P	P	
Research and development	P	P	P	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Contractor's storage	—	C	P	—	
Indoor storage	—	P	P	—	
Oil and gas storage	—	—	C	C	
Outdoor storage	—	—	C	C	
Metal waste salvage yard/junk yards	—	—	C	C	
Waste management					

Waste collection	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-31
Waste disposal	—	—	C	C	
Waste transfer	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-31
Wholesaling and distribution	P	P	P	P	
Transportation, communication and utilities					
Communications facilities	P	P	P	—	
Public utility distribution system	—	P	P	P	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	P	P	P	
Public utility plant	—	C	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	P	P	—	
Transportation facilities					
Airports	—	L6	—	—	
Heliports	—	L6	L6	L6	
Railroad train yards	—	L7	L7	L7	
Railroad right-of-way	—	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	P	P	P	
Truck terminal and warehouse	—	—	L7	L7	
Wireless communication antenna	L13	L8	L8	L8	
Wireless communication tower	—	C	C	C	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422

Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Mining and quarrying	—	—	C	C	
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	
Refuse storage area	L12	L12	L12	L12	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Commercial vehicle parking	L14	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Composting facilities	P	—	—	—	See § 1421-37
Home occupation	P	—	—	—	See § 1419-17
Rooming unit	L15	—	—	—	
Retail Sales	L16	—	—	—	
Portable Storage Containers	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 New residential is permitted only when abutting an existing residential use or structure.
- L2 Permitted on arterial street only. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L3 Permitted only as an accessory use to a use allowed in the district.
- L4 The facility must be completely enclosed on all sides with a six foot screen fence which is protected from damage by a guardrail or other barriers approved by the Zoning Administrator. Must be located at least 100 feet from a residential district.
- L5 Permitted only if occupying less than 5,000 sq. ft. in ML and 10,000 sq. ft. in MG.

- L6 Landing strip, pad, or apron may not be located within 500 ft. of a residential district boundary.
- L7 Not allowed within 250 ft. of a residential use in a Residential District.
- L8 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public or semi-public, public utility, a commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L9 Fencing a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L10 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L11 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L12 Provisions of § 1421-35 apply when refuse storage.
- L13 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to an agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L14 One commercial vehicle may be parked or stored on residential property with the following provisions:
 - a. Commercial vehicles with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked may not exceed two tons in capacity.
 - b. Recreational vehicles, watercraft and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L15 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L16 Retail sales of products manufactured or wholesaled on the premises, when incidental and subordinate to a principal permitted use, provided that the floor area devoted to such retailing shall not exceed 35 percent of the floor area devoted to such principal use, but in no case shall the retail floor area exceed 5,000 square feet.

Section 6. That Section 1422-05, "Development Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-05. - Development Regulations.

- (a) *Agricultural Structures and Uses.* Agricultural Structures must be located, developed and operated in compliance with the following:

- (1) *Permanent Agricultural Structures.* Permanent Agricultural Structures exceeding 200 square feet require a building permit.
 - (2) *Animal Keeping Structures.* Agricultural Structures, including fences and walls, used for animal keeping must comply with both the requirements established below and per Schedule 1422-05.
 - (3) *Agricultural Structures in Non-Residential Districts.* In non-residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the principal and accessory structure standards of the zoning district.
 - (4) *Agricultural Structures in Residential Districts.* In residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the standards of §1421-01, "Accessory Residential Structures," and §1421-05, "Accessory Structures on Corner Lots."
 - (5) *Agricultural Structures on Lots Containing No Principal Structure or Dwelling in Residential Districts.*
 - (i) *Required Rear Yard Location.* In residential districts, where a parcel contains no dwelling or principal structure, Agricultural Structures must be located to the rear of the line determined by rear yard averaging of the adjoining parcels principal structures.
 - (6) *Temporary Agricultural Structures.* Temporary structures, particularly greenhouse and membrane structures, shall be regulated as identified below.
 - (i) Temporary Agricultural Structures less than four (4) ft. in height, and of minimum structural character; the maximum area requirement is no greater than the minimum yard setback requirements.
 - (ii) Temporary Agricultural Structures greater than four (4) ft. in height, shall be regulated as follows:
 - (A) Structures shall comply with Chapter 3103 of the Ohio Basic Building Code and are limited to 400 sq. ft. in area with 12 ft. spacing between structures.
 - (B) Structures meeting any of the following requirements, shall submit for appropriate building permits: Structures greater than 400 sq. ft. in area; Structures proposed to remain for greater 180 days
 - (7) *Fences and Walls.* Fences and walls must comply with §1421-33.
- (b) *Animal Keeping.* The provisions set forth herein and in Schedule ~~1422-05~~ 1425-05 below prescribe the development regulations governing minimum area size, containment, and setback and maintenance requirements for animal keeping.
- (1) *Maximum Number of Categories/Species of Animals.*

- (i) Keeping more than two categories/species of animals requires a cumulative minimum land area based on the requirements for each category/species as set forth in Schedule 1422-05. This provision does not apply to dogs, cats, common indoor household pets, and bees.
 - (ii) Exceeding the maximum number of categories/species of animals requires Conditional Use approval.
- (2) *Animal Keeping Shelter Structure Requirements.* Animal Keeping Shelter Structures shall:
- (i) Provide adequate protection from the elements and predators;
 - (ii) Provide thorough ventilation;
 - (iii) Be designed to be readily accessed and cleaned; and,
 - (iv) Provide access for fowl, rabbits, and other small animals to an outdoor enclosure adequately bounded to prevent escape or access by predators.
- (3) *Animal Keeping Enclosures.* Animal keeping enclosures should be of sufficient height and durability to contain the species of animal.

Schedule 1422-05: Animal Keeping Requirements

Animal Category/ Species	Adult Animals Permitted Per Lot Area	Containment Required	Shelter Structure Requirements	Location and Minimum Setbacks for Shelter Structures, Feeders, and Water Stations
Bees	Minimum 2,500 square feet per apiary.	Yes, with a 6-foot flyway screen (fence or hedge) within three feet of any hive entry is required, unless the apiary is more than 150 feet from all property lines.	A maximum two Apiaries of 30 cubic feet per 10,000 square feet.	Apiaries may be located on the ground or on rooftops. Apiaries shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and 25 feet from the nearest inhabited structure when a flyway screen is provided.

				<p>Apiaries located on rooftops shall be setback a minimum of six feet from the edge of roof.</p> <p>Bee warning or notice signs shall be placed at property lines per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture rules and regulations.</p>
Chickens, Ducks, Quail, Doves, and other Smaller Birds	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.</p> <p>1 rooster permitted per every 15 hens.</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p> <p>More than 1 rooster requires tethering. Roosters must be kept a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Rabbits	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots.</p> <p>A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.

	20,000 square feet.			
Geese, Turkeys, and other Medium-Sized Birds	4 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 8 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 16 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.	A minimum of 6 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Dehorned Goats and Sheep	2 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 4 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots, A maximum of 8 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, with a minimum of a 5-foot setback from property lines. No temporary or permanent structures are permitted within 10 feet of a fence that would enable an animal to climb or jump over a fence.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Swine	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 20 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 30 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Horses and Cattle and like-size animals	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Alpacas and Llamas	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Ostriches, Emus, and other Large Birds	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Section 7. That Section 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-07. – Maintenance and Storage.

(a) *Site Maintenance.*

- (1) The owner of the property on which a Garden, Farm or Animal Keeping Facility is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.
- (2) The site shall be designed and maintained to prevent any chemical, pesticide, fertilizer, or other waste from draining onto adjacent property.
- (3) Cultivated areas shall not encroach onto adjacent properties.
- (4) The site must be maintained free of high grass, weeds, or other debris.
- (5) Dead plant growth must be sufficiently trimmed to no higher than six inches above the ground, composted, or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.
- (6) The property must be kept free of refuse.

(b) *Maintenance and Care of Animal Keeping Facility*

- (1) In general, all Animal Keeping facilities shall provide a constant supply of water and food for all animals, store food in a rodent and predator proof containers, be maintained to be free from odor, prevent the breeding of flies, pests or vermin, properly dispose of animal waste, and prevent animal waste discharge into the stormwater conveyance system.
- (2) All areas and structures utilized for the raising of animals shall comply with the standards prescribed by the Cincinnati Board of Health Regulations, as well as other applicable local and state law.

(c) *Equipment and Material Storage*

- (1) Use of large-scale agricultural equipment such as tractors, tillers, or other machinery equal to or exceeding the size of an economy automobile is prohibited on property not qualifying as a Farm as defined in §1401-01.F3 ~~§1422-03-F1~~. Such equipment must be completely enclosed in an Agricultural or Principal Structure when not in use.
 - (2) Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed from the property daily. Pesticides and fertilizers stored on the property shall be contained in a locked storage structure and must comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.
 - (3) Bulk supplies and water tanks must be stored to the rear of the lot must not create visual blight or offensive odors.
 - (4) Refuse storage is prohibited in any required front yard, street side yard, or required parking or landscape area. Refuse storage must comply with §1421-35.
- (d) *Accessory Composting.*
- (1) *Area.* Composting activities using less than 500 square feet of land and considered accessory to a residential or agricultural use are defined as "Accessory Composting."
 - (2) *Setbacks and Location.*
 - (i) Maximum distance of 30 feet from the rear lot line; and
 - (ii) Minimum 10 feet from side and rear lot lines; and
 - (iii) Minimum 10 feet from all Principal Structures; and
 - (iv) Minimum 5 feet from any Accessory Structures; and
 - (v) Minimum 20 feet from any natural watercourse or wetland.
 - (vi) Minimum 50 feet from any private water supply system.
 - (3) *Management.* Compost may only consist of plant derived materials. Management of Accessory Composting shall comply with all applicable Cincinnati Board of Health regulations.
 - (4) *Enclosure.* Accessory Composting shall be contained and managed per best practices within an appropriate enclosure, container or structure.
- (e) *Vehicular Storage, Parking and Egress.*
- (1) In residential districts, one commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot subject to the limitations found in §1403-05-L6 and §1405-05-L11.

- (2) On lots that do not contain a dwelling, commercial vehicles and trailers may be temporarily parked on the lot beyond the front yard for a period not to exceed 24 hours per week.
- (3) Vehicles parked onsite shall comply with parking requirements of Chapter 1425. Additional onsite parking may be required per §1425-19 when commercial sales or employees are proposed as part of the agricultural use.

Section 8. That Section 1425-19, “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1425-19. – Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements.

Off-street parking and loading requirements must be provided in accordance with Schedules 1425-19-A and 1425-19-B. Unless a use is specifically noted under the appropriate use classification heading, the parking and loading requirements apply uniformly to all uses within a use classification. Off-street parking and loading requirements for uses in the DD Districts are subject to the provisions of Chapter 1411, Downtown Development Districts.

Off-street parking and loading facilities must be made permanently available to the use served. Where the use is undetermined or the parking requirement is not established in Schedule 1425-19-A, the Zoning Administrator must determine the probable use and number of spaces required.

Commercial uses located in Commercial, Office, and Manufacturing zoning districts are entitled to an exemption from the parking requirements as follows:

- (a) *Commercial Uses in the CN-P and CC-P Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements.
- (b) *Commercial Uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements. New commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.
- (c) *Commercial Uses in the CC-A, CG-A, MG and RF-M Zoning Districts.* Commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.

Schedule 1425-19-A: Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements

Use Classifications	Required Parking (Sq. Ft. of Floor Area)	Loading User Group

Residential Uses		
Bed and breakfast home	2 for every dwelling, plus 1 for every guest room	
Child day care home	No additional spaces required	
Group residential	1 for every 2 residents	
Permanent residential		
Single-family		
SF-4, SF-6, SF-10, SF-20	2 for every unit	
SF-2, RM, O, C, M, UM, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Attached single-family	1 for every unit	
Rowhouse single-family	1 for every unit	
Two-family	1 for every unit	
Multi-family		
<u>RMX</u> , RM2.0, RM1.2,	1.5 for every unit	

OL		
RM0.7, OG, C, UM, M, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Residential care facilities		
Assisted living	1 for every 4 residents	
Developmental disability dwelling	1 for every 4 residents	
Nursing home	1 for every 4 residents	
Special assistance shelters	1 for every 3 employees plus 1 for every facility vehicle	
Transitional housing	1 for every facility plus 1 for every 8 beds	
Public and Semi Public Uses		
Cemeteries	None	
Day care center	2 for every facility, plus 1 for every 8 clients	
Clubs and lodges	1 for every 100 sq.	3

	ft.	
Colleges, public or private	1 for every 3 auditorium seats plus 1 for every 5 classroom seats	3
Community service facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft.	
Cultural institutions	1 for every 500 sq. ft. or 1 for every 8 seats, whichever is greater	3
Government facilities and offices		
Facilities and installations	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	1
Correctional institutions	1 for every 20 beds	1
Offices	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	1
Hospitals	1 for every bed	3
Parks and recreation facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft. of indoor area	
Public maintenance facilities	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Public safety facilities	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Religious assembly	1 for every 30 sq. ft. in principal assembly area	
School, public or private	High School: 1 for every 10 classroom seats	3
	Elementary School: 1 for every 30 classroom seats	3
Commercial Uses		
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses in the CN-P and the CC-P districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
New commercial uses in the CC-M, CC-A, CG-A, OL, OG, IR, RF-C, ML, MG and RF-M districts.	As required below.	

New and existing commercial uses in the CC-A and CG-A districts.	As required below.	
Ambulance services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Animal services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Banks and financial institutions	1 for every 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area of the first floor area, plus 1 for every 250 sq. ft. of gross floor area of any other floors	2
Bed and breakfast inns	1 for every facility plus 1 for every guest room	
Building materials and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	4
Building maintenance services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Business services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Commercial meeting facility	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	3
Eating and drinking establishments		

Drinking establishments	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, full service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, limited service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Food markets	1 for every 150 sq. ft. where it exceeds 2,000 sq. ft.	1
Food preparation	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	
Funeral and interment services	1 for every 50 sq. ft. used for assembly	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Hotels and commercial lodging	1 for every guest room	3
Loft dwelling units	1 for every unit	
Laboratories, commercial	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Maintenance and repair services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Medical services and	1 for every 150 sq.	

clinics	ft.	
Offices	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	2
Personal services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Personal instructional services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Recreation and entertainment		
Indoor and small scale		
Fitness centers, gyms, handball, racquetball or tennis clubs, ice or roller rinks, miniature golf courses	1 for every 350 sq. ft.	
Billiard parlors, poolrooms	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Bingo parlors, amusement arcades	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Movie theater (three or less screens)	1 for every 5 seats	
Bowling centers	5 for every bowling lane	
Outdoor or large scale		

Sports stadiums and arenas, movie theaters (4 or more screens), racetracks	1 for every 5 seats	
Amusement and theme parks, driving ranges, swimming or wave pools, entertainment complexes, drive-in theaters, archery or shooting ranges, riding stables, campgrounds	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Retail sales	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	1
Sexually oriented business	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Vehicle and equipment services		
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	1 for every 400 sq. ft. of office sales or rental area	
Car wash	See §1419-11	
Fuel sales	None	
Vehicle repair	2 for every service bay or 1 for every 250 sq. ft., whichever is greater	

Automobile holding facilities	None	
Industrial Uses		
Production industry	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Research and development	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	2
Warehousing and storage		
Contractor's storage	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Indoor storage	4 spaces	
Waste management	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Wholesaling and distribution	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses		
Communications facilities	1 for every 600 sq. ft. plus 1 for every 3 auditorium seats	2
Public utility distribution system	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public utility	1 for every 1,000	

maintenance yard	sq. ft.	
Public utility plant	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public vehicle operations and service	1 for every employee plus 1 for every taxi and/or limousine	
Transportation facilities		
Airports	1 for every 250 sq. ft of terminal building	1
Heliports	None	
Railroad train yards	None	
Railroad right-of-way	None	
Transportation passenger terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Truck terminal and warehouse	0—100,000 sq. ft: 1 for every 2,000 feet	4
	Over 100,000: 1 for every 4,000 sq. ft. over 100,000 sq. ft.	4
Watercraft and riverfront facilities		

Barge terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Boat and ship yards	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Commercial piers and ports	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Marinas	1 for every two berths	
Marine sales and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses		
Farming	1 for every site	
Mining and quarrying	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Schedule 1425-19-B: Loading User Group Classification

Group	Requirement
Group 1	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—24,999 sq. ft.	1 space

25,000—49,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
50,000—99,999 sq. ft.	3 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft. in excess of 100,000 sq. ft.
Group 2	
0—29,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
30,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000—499,000 sq. ft.	1 additional space for every 100,000
500,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for every 500,000
Group 3	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft.

Group 4	
0—4,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
5,000—39,999 sq. ft.	1 space
40,000—99,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 in excess of 100,000

Section 9. That Section 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-07. - Applications Subject to Review.

- (a) The Zoning Administrator has the duty to review the following permits in an established Urban Design Overlay District for compliance with the base requirements of the district.
 - (1) *Signs*: Permits for the installation of all signs.
 - (2) *Awnings*: Permits for the installation of all awnings.
 - (3) *Mechanical Equipment and Utilities*: Permits for the installation of all exterior mechanical equipment and utility service connections.
 - (4) *Replacement Windows*: Permits for the installation of replacement windows.
 - (5) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures*: Permits for exterior renovations, alterations, or additions.
 - (6) *Eating and Drinking Establishments*: Permits for Restaurants, Limited.
- (b) The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall approve, approve with conditions or disapprove an application for the following types of development in an established Urban Design Overlay District in accordance with the base requirements of the district.
 - (1) New construction: Permits for new construction.

- (2) Demolition: Permits for demolition.
- (c) The City Planning Commission is authorized to exercise the powers granted to the Zoning Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1437 when an application is submitted in connection with an application to subdivide land.
- (d) The Director of Buildings and Inspections is authorized to order the demolition of a building located in an established Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if he or she finds that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Section 10. That Section 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-09. – Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts.

Development within individual UD Overlay Districts must comply with the standards prescribed below that the ordinance that establishes the UD Overlay District declares applicable to that district. These standards are intended to implement policies in adopted urban design plans. Whenever the standards conflict with the development regulations of the underlying district, these standards supersede those regulations. The following regulations will apply to some or all of the UD Overlay Districts as determined by the urban design plan prepared and adopted for each district. Refer to Schedule 1437-09 for applicability.

Urban Design District Standards

Schedule 1437-09

	UD #1	UD #2	UD #3	UD #4	UD #5	UD #6	UD #7	UD #8	UD #9	UD #10	UD #11	UD #12	UD #13	UD #14	UD #15
S1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

S4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E1		X	X	X	X		X				X				
F1		X													X
N1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
N2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

UD #1 - College Hill Business District	UD #9 - Mt. Airy Business District
UD #2 - Clifton Business District	UD #10 - Columbia-Tusculum Business District
UD #3 - Hartwell Business District	UD #11 - Hyde Park East Business District
UD #4 - Hyde Park Square Business District	UD #12 - Mt. Lookout Square
UD #5 - Oakley Square Business District	UD #13 - Pleasant Ridge Business District
UD #6 - University Village Business District	UD #14 - Kennedy Heights Business District
UD #7 - North Avondale Along Reading Road	UD #15 - Roselawn Business District
UD #8 - Mt. Washington Business District	

(a) *Signs and Signage Standards:*

S1. Prohibited Signs:

- All blinking, flashing, rotating or moving signs, except barber poles and theater marquees;
- Neon signs;
- Banners, portable or temporary signs;
- Rooftop signs, signs or awnings extending above the roofline of the building, or signs or awnings that extend above the window sill line of the second floor of the building;
- Any advertising sign on or about an unoccupied building, except those related to the sale or rental of that building;
- All signs, handbills, or flyers on utility poles, except those installed by the city and state.
- All outdoor advertising signs, as that term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 895.

S2. Projecting Signs

- Projecting signs shall not be used except for small identification or trademark signs symbolic of the business identified.

- The copy of all signs should identify the predominant business on the premises or its principal product or service.
- Advertising signs are prohibited.
- Projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face and shall not exceed 12 square feet for all faces.
- Projecting signs should be located over entry doors or building columns or piers and shall be limited to one projecting sign per business.
- All sign supports shall be simple in nature, have no visible guy wires and be made less obtrusive with camouflaging color in harmony with the surrounding environment.

S3. In the case where buildings have multiple storefronts occupied by different tenants, the allowable signage area for each tenant will be calculated based upon the storefront street frontage in order to maintain a proportional distribution of signage area.

S4. For businesses located within an interior portion of a building, or on the second floor or higher story of a building and lacking an exterior wall or window area, a sign identifying the business no larger than six square feet may be affixed to the exterior of the building. This sign area shall be included in the maximum allowable area for all signs on the property.

S5. Ground signs: where permitted, ground signs shall meet the following standards:

- Ground signs shall be a maximum sign area of not more than one square foot of sign area per linear foot of street frontage per sign face, up to a maximum sign area of 30 square feet per face, or 60 square feet for all sign faces.
- Ground signs shall be limited to two sign faces and shall not exceed six feet in height.
- Ground signs shall be located at or near the primary street frontage.
- Ground signs shall be compatible with the design of the building in proportion, shape, scale, materials, colors, and lighting.

(b) *Awning Standards:*

A1. Awnings shall meet the following standards:

- Awnings shall project no more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk or six feet, whichever is less.
- Awnings shall run parallel to the face of the building.

- Awnings shall be located within the existing building framework - between columns and below spandrel panels. Awning colors and design shall be compatible with the colors and design of the building.
- Structural supports for all awnings shall be contained within the awning covering.
- Each storefront bay shall have a similar awning to the other storefront bays on the same building.
- Awnings shall be designed to be harmonious with the architecture of the building that they are to be placed on. They shall relate in shape and proportion to the building's architectural elements such as window and opening shapes, facade articulation and general character of the building.

(c) *Mechanical Equipment and Utility Standards:*

M1. Mechanical equipment, including air conditioning, piping, ducts, and conduits external to the building shall be concealed from view from adjacent buildings or street level by grills, screens or other enclosures. Electric and other utility service connections shall be underground for new construction and encouraged for all other changes.

(d) *Replacement Window Standards:*

W1. Replacement windows shall meet the following standards:

- Replacement windows shall fit the size and style of the original openings.
- Original window and door openings shall not be enclosed or bricked-in on the street elevation. Where openings on the sides or rear of the building are to be closed, the infill materials shall match that of the wall and be recessed a maximum of three inches within the opening.

(e) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures:*

R1. Renovations, alterations or additions shall be designed and executed in a manner that is sympathetic to the particular architectural character of the structure being worked on. Architectural elements shall be sensitively designed to reflect the detailing and materials associated with the particular style of the building.

R2. Renovations and restorations of older buildings shall respect the original building design, including structure, use of materials and details. New materials or signs shall not cover original materials and detailing. Natural materials (brick, slate, glass, stone, etc.) shall be retained in their natural state and not covered with any other contemporary materials. Materials that are out of keeping with the historic character of the building shall be removed from the facade upon significant exterior renovation or restoration of the existing structure.

(f) *Eating and Drinking Establishments:*

E1. Restaurants, Limited shall meet the following standards:

- No more than 45 percent of their gross floor area may be devoted to food preparation, related activities and other space not accessible to the public;
- No more than 35 percent of the restaurant's sales by dollar volume are carry-out and the patrons are served with other than single-use utensils, plates and beverage containers.
- The consumption of food or beverage in automobiles parked upon the premises is prohibited.

(g) *Franchise Establishments:*

F1. New businesses should contribute to the desired mix of commercial activities; franchise type establishments are acceptable provided that they are primarily pedestrian and not automobile oriented.

(h) *New Construction:*

N1. New buildings shall be compatible with their surroundings. Architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale and form of new buildings and the space between and around buildings shall be consistent with the area; and should be in harmony with neighboring buildings.

- New buildings shall respond to the pattern of window placement in the district. The designs of new buildings shall avoid long unrelieved expanses of wall along the street by maintaining the rhythm of windows and structural bays in the district. The preferred pattern of ground floor windows is open show windows, with inset or recessed entryways; and landscaping, lighting and other amenities equivalent to those existing in the district.
- Buildings shall de-emphasize secondary rear or side door entrances to commercial space, unless the entrances are associated with public parking areas.

N2. The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall review and consider applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council ~~applicable Community Plans approved by City Council~~ when making decisions for projects in an Urban Design District.

- New buildings and Proposed uses shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and guidelines of the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council.

N3 At the request of an applicant, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may conduct a review of a new building or change in use of a property in two parts: (i) first, an initial review of schematic plans in which setbacks, structure and site improvement placement, massing, building envelope, and uses are considered; and (ii) second, a subsequent review in which final plans, materials, and designs are considered.

(i) *Demolition:*

DI. An existing building may only be demolished if the owner of the building, or a person authorized by the owner of the building, demonstrates that one of the following standards is met: ~~Demolition has been ordered by the Director of Buildings and Inspections for reasons of public health and safety and:~~

• The building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by weighing the following factors:

- (i) whether the building is identified as a contributing building or recommended for demolition by the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council;
- (ii) whether the building's architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, form, and setbacks are consistent with the predominant characteristics of the district;
- (iii) whether the building is iconic or specially associated with the district;
- (iv) whether the demolition of the building will negatively impact the district streetscape, and
- (v) whether the building is obsolete, damaged, in a state of disrepair, dilapidated, or unsanitary, and whether its condition was caused by the owner or his or her predecessors through deliberate action or willful neglect.

• The demolition of the building will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by evidence that the owner, or a person authorized by the owner, has:

- (i) obtained final approval to construct a new building or change the use of property pursuant to the requirements of subsection (h) above;
- (ii) obtained all building permit approvals necessary to commence the new construction or effect the change in use, and
- (iii) certified via affidavit or sworn testimony as to his or her intent to diligently pursue the construction of the new building or change in use if demolition of the building is approved.

• Prohibiting demolition of the building would impose economic hardship on its owner, which is determined by weighing the following factors:

- (i) whether the owner would be denied all economically viable use of the property if demolition is not approved;
- (ii) whether the owner’s reasonable-investment backed expectations may be maintained if demolition is not approved; and
- (iii) whether the owner’s actions created or exacerbated the alleged economic hardship.

- ~~• The existing building does not contribute to the architectural quality of the district;~~
- ~~• The demolition is necessary to accomplish the construction of a building which would meet the guidelines contained in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~• The demolition is necessary to provide parking and/or other uses in a manner specified in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~• The owner has endeavored in good faith to find a use for the structure and is unable to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the property; or~~
- ~~• Demolition has been ordered to remove blight.~~

Section 11. That Section 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.40 T3 Estate (T3E)

I. T3E Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3E</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 12. That Section 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.50 T3 Neighborhood (T3N)

I. T3N Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3N</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 13. That Section 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.60 T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF)

I. T4N.MF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>MF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 14. That Section 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF) T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.70 T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF)

I. T4N.SF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>SF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 15. That Section 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.80 T5 Main Street (T5MS)

I. T5MS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>MS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 16. That Section 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.90 T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS)

I. T5N.LS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>LS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	P	P
Animal Keeping	Chapter 1422	P	P
Farm	Chapter 1422	UP	UP
Garden	Chapter 1422	P	P

Section 17. That Section 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS); T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.100 T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS)

I. T5N.SS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>SS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	P	P
Animal Keeping	Chapter 1422	P	P
Farm	Chapter 1422	UP	UP
Garden	Chapter 1422	P	P

Section 18. That Section 1703-2.110(I), “T5 Flex (T5F) T5 Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.110 T5 Flex (T5F)

I. T5 Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T5F</u>	
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	P	P
Animal Keeping	Chapter 1422	P	P
Farm	Chapter 1422	UP	UP
Garden	Chapter 1422	P	P

Section 19. That Section 1703-2.120, “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.120 T6 Core (T6C)

I. T6C Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 20. That Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

D. Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

1. **Required Spaces.** The minimum number of parking spaces required are listed in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). However, if the minimum number of parking space requirements are provided in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones) for the applicable transect zone and use, then those standards take precedence over the standards in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). When calculating the minimum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded up to the closest whole number.
2. **Maximum Number of Parking Spaces.** When calculating the maximum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded down to the closest whole number. The maximum number of off -street parking spaces shall be as follows:
 - a. For buildings with a footprint less than or equal to 60,000 gsf, 140 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces; and
 - b. For buildings with a footprint greater than 60,000 gsf, 125 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces.
 - c. The required minimum number of parking spaces shall be rounded ~~up or~~ down to the closest whole number.

Section 21. That Section 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Permanent Signs

1. Permanent Signs shall meet the standards set forth in Subsections 1703-5.80.K-V ~~1703-5.70.G-R~~.
2. The number of allowed permanent signs is set forth within the transect zone, see Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).
3. Permanent Signs require a building permit pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 1101-17.1.
4. Except where expressly prohibited, internal illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs in the following forms:
 - a. Individually illuminated letter and logo signs, including:
 1. Front-Lit Signs
 2. Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs
 3. Push Through Signs
 4. Open-Lit Signs
 - b. Internally illuminated logos shall not be permitted on Front-Lit Signs
5. External illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs.
6. Changeable copy signs are prohibited except as expressly permitted in this Section 5.80. Where permitted, changeable copy signs are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Changeable copy signs shall be limited to ground signs and wall signs only and shall not exceed 25% of the square footage of a sign's sign face area.
 - b. Changeable copy signs shall be programmed so that the message or image on the sign changes no more than every 10 seconds.
 - c. Effects of movement, flashing, scintillation, or similar effects in the individual images are prohibited.
 - d. Changes of images shall be substantially instantaneous as seen by the human eye and shall not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving, or similar effects as part of the change.
 - e. Video technology in signs shall use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy or other darkened conditions, in accordance with the following:
 1. All electronic or digital display unit message boards shall have installed ambient light monitors and shall at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic board based on ambient light conditions.

Section 22. That Section 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

L. Directory Sign

Description

The directory sign type is a wall mounted or freestanding sign ~~provides a listing of establishments~~ within a building or series of buildings, ~~near~~ entrances and parking locations.

Size		
Signable Area	6 sf max.	(A)

Location		
Height		(D)
Wall Mounted	8' max.	
Free Standing	3' max.	

*See Subsection 1703-5.80 (Pole/Monument Sign Type) for additional standards

Miscellaneous
~~May include the name of the business and business address. Shall not include any other words.~~

Section 23. That Section 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

O. Pole/Monument Sign

Description
 The pole/monument sign type encompasses a variety of signs that are not attached to a building and have an integral support structure. A pole sign, usually double-faced, is mounted on a single or pair of round poles, square tubes, or other fabricated members without any type of secondary support. A pole/monument sign stands directly on the ground or ground level foundation and is often used to mark a place of significance or the entrance to a location.

Size		
Signable Area	12 sf max.	(A)

Location		
Signs per Frontage	1 max.	
Height	8' max.	(B)
Width	8' max.	(C)

Miscellaneous
~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a weekly or daily basis.~~

Changeable copy pole/monument signs are not permitted in T5MS, T5N.LS, T5N.SS, T5F and T6C transect zones.

Section 24. That Section 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

S. Wall Sign

Description

The wall sign type is flat against the façade consisting of individual cut letters applied directly to the building, raised letters on a panel or painted directly on the surface of the building. Wall signs are placed above shopfronts and often run horizontally along the "expression line," entablature of traditional buildings, or decorative cornice or sign band at the top of the building. Wall signs shall not protrude beyond the roof line or cornice of a building.

Size

Signable Area

Area	1 sf per linear foot of shopfront width up to 80 sf max.	(A)
Width	Shopfront width, max.	(B)
Height	12" min.; 3' max.	(C)

Lettering

Width	75% of signable width, max.	(D)
Height	75% or 10" (whichever is lesser) of signable height max.	(E)

Location

Projection	8" max.
Signs per building	1 per establishment max.

Miscellaneous

~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a regular basis.~~

Changeable copy wall signs are permitted in all transect zones subject to individual transect zone regulations.

~~Wall signs shall not be internally illuminated.~~

Section 25. That Section 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

T. Wall Mural Sign

Description

The wall mural sign type is flat against a secondary facade, typically along a side street, alley, or paseo. These signs are typically painted directly on the building and contain a combination of text and graphic elements. These signs are intended to be visible from a greater distance and are accompanied by additional signage on the primary facade at the business entrance. Wall signs that do not provide signage for a business (artistic wall mural) are subject to approval by the Director. Billboards are not considered wall mural signs and are prohibited within the Form-Based Code areas. See Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 895 (Outdoor Advertising Signs) for additional regulations.

Size

Signable Area

Area	1000 sf max.	(A)
Width	60' max	(B)
Height	50' max.	(C)

Location

Height Above Ground	3' min.	(D)
Projection	8" max.	

Miscellaneous

Wall mural signs may only be externally illuminated.

Section 26. That Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-5.100. - Additional Standard for Specific Uses.

D. Urban Agriculture~~Community Gardens~~. Shall ~~comply with the following~~ The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1422 shall govern the establishment of urban agriculture uses permitted within in a transect zone, e.g., Animal Keeping, Farms, and Gardens.

~~Table 1703-5.100.A: Community Gardens~~

~~Hours of Operation~~

~~Community gardens shall not be used between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am~~

~~Building Form Standards~~

Building Height	15' max
Buildings or structures	800 sf max.
Number of Buildings or Enclosed Structures	2 max

Buildings and Structures Placement

~~Buildings and structures, including those for the storage of compost and refuse, shall comply with the building placement standards set forth for structures found in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).~~

Fencing and Walls

Height

Along Front or Side Street Lot Line	4' max.
Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other locations	6' max.

Opacity

Along Front or Side Street Lot Line	50% max.
Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other Locations	100% max.

~~Fences and walls shall not include electrified, barbed or razor wire.~~

Tools and Supplies

~~Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed on a daily basis.~~

~~Bulk supplies and water tanks shall not be store in required frontyard or sideyard setbacks.~~

~~Use of commercial or industrial farm equipment is prohibited.~~

Compost and Refuse

Area Dedicated to Composting	200 sf max.
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~~Compost shall be stored in an enclosed screened fence or structure.~~

~~Composting shall be only of materials generated on site.~~

~~Water that has come in to contact with compost shall be prevented from flowing onto adjacent properties, into natural or human made storm channels or the public right of way.~~

~~Compost enclosure shall be maintained to prevent adverse environmental, health and safety impacts such as noise, odors, and the attraction of rodents or other pests onto adjacent properties.~~

~~All refuse storage areas shall be screened from ground level view from adjacent properties and public rights of way~~

Compost and/or Refuse Storage Area Setbacks

Front	10' min.
Side Street	10' min.
Side	3' min.

Rear _____ 3' min., 25' max.

Fertilizer and Pesticides

~~Fertilizer and pesticides shall be stored in a locked storage structure and shall comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.~~

~~Chemical, pesticide, fertilizer or other garden waste shall be prevented from draining onto adjacent sites or street right-of-ways.~~

Maintenance

~~The property owner of the site on which a community garden is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.~~

~~Property shall be maintained free of high grass, weeds or other debris.~~

~~Dead plant growth must be composted or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent cultivated areas from encroaching on to adjacent sites.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, other garden wastes or water that has come in contact with compost from draining onto adjacent lots.~~

Section 27. That Section 1703-8.50, "Relationship to Overlay Districts," of the Cincinnati

Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-8.50. - Relationship to Overlay Districts

A. ~~Transect zones may be established in certain overlay districts~~Overlay districts established by Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV may be applied to transect zones. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Form-Based Code and an overlay district, the conflict shall be resolved as follows following sets forth the legal effect of establishing a transect zone in each of the overlay districts contained in Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV Cincinnati Zoning Code:

1. **Urban Design Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437).** ~~The provisions of the Form-Based Code shall apply and govern, and~~ The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437 shall be inoperative and of no effect where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
2. **Hillside Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 shall apply and govern where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
3. **Historic Asset (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435 ~~shall overlay a transect zone and shall apply and govern in all instances~~where in conflict with the Form-Based Code.

4. **Interim Development Control Overlay District (“IDC”) (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431).** The terms of ~~the an~~ an IDC established pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431 shall remain in effect and shall apply and govern where in conflict with the Form-Based Code until the IDC expires or is repealed.

Section 28. That Section 1703-9.10(E), “E. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Definitions

Eave. The overhang at the lower edge of a roof.

Edison Bulbs. Reproduction light bulbs manufactured to have the appearance of the original light bulbs introduced by Thomas Edison. Typically, these are incandescent bulbs with filaments and lens shaped like the original bulbs.

Elevated Ground Floor. A ground floor situated above the grade plane at street-level.

Encroachment. Any architectural feature, structure or structural element, such as a gallery, fence, garden wall, porch, stoop, balcony, bay window, terrace or deck, that breaks the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, and extends into a setback, beyond the build-to-line, into the public frontage, or above a height limit.

Entry. An opening, such as a door, passage, or gate, that allows access to a building.

Entry, Service. An entry used for the delivery of goods and removal of refuse.

External Employee. An employee who does not reside at his or her place of employment.

Section 29. That Section 1703-9.10(F), “F. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

F. Definitions

Facade. The vertical surface of a building. **Facade Zone.** The area between the minimum and maximum setback lines.

Facility. An improvement, structure or building that is designed and used for a particular purpose.

Fence. A structure made of wire, wood, metal, masonry or other material, and typically used as a screen or enclosure for a yard or open space or as a divider along a lot line.

Finished Grade. The final ground elevation around a building after all earthwork has been completed.

Flex Space. A room or group of internally connected rooms designed to accommodate an evolution of use over time in response to an evolving market demand. Typically designed to accommodate future commercial uses, while accommodating less intense shortterm uses, such as residential or live/work, until the full commercial demand has been established.

Floorplate. An area measurement in square feet of either the gross or the rentable floor area of a typical floor in a building.

Floorplate, Commercial. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to commercial uses.

Floorplate, Residential. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to residential uses.

Footprint. The outline of the area of ground covered by a building or structure.

Footprint Area. The total square footage contained within a footprint.

Freestanding Wall. A wall that is separate from a building and supported by independent means.

Front-Lit Signs. Individual letters are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with internal illumination and a polycarbonate sign face allowing light to illuminate the individual letter faces from within.

Frontage. A strip or extent of land abutting a thoroughfare, civic space or other public right-of-way.

1. **Frontage, Private.** The area between the building facade and the shared lot line between the public right-of-way and the lot.

2. **Frontage, Public.** The area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the edge of the right-of-way.

Frontage Line. The lot lines fronting a thoroughfare or other public way, or a civic space.

Frontage Type. See Section 1703-4 (Specific to Frontage Types).

Furniture Area. An area of space that allows for the placement of furniture without restricting the movement of pedestrians.

Section 30. That Section 1703-9.10(H), "H. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code

is hereby amended as follows:

H. Definitions

Habitable Space. The portion of a building that is suitable for human occupancy.

Halo/ Reverse-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the sides (returns) and faces, being mounted away from the wall to project illumination onto the wall surface creating a halo effect. Letters or logos themselves are opaque and not illuminated.

Height, Building. See Subsection 1703-5.60 (Building Height).

Household. Up to four persons unrelated to each other by blood, marriage or legal adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit; or up to eight persons, other than foster parents and emp

Section 31. That Section 1703-9.10(N), “N. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

N. Definitions

Neighborhood Center. A development that provides a mix of civic, institutional and/or commercial uses.

Neon Signs. Electric signs lighted by luminous gas-discharge tubes that contain rarified neon or other gases. If true neon is substituted for LED arrays, the lumen-level of the LED array may not exceed that of traditional neon.

New Construction. New development in which permits were filed for on or after the effective date of this Code.

Non-Conforming Uses. A use of an improvement or a lot that was lawfully established prior to the effective date of the Ordinance and maintained since that time but does not conform with the regulations and standards established by the Ordinance and all subsequent amendments.

Section 32. That Section 1703-9.10(O), “O. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

O. Definitions

Open-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with a clear or open face. Illumination is provided within the sign and is exposed and visible from the front of the sign. These signs are typically designed with neon or Edison Bulb lighting.

Open Zone. A sub-zone within a transect zone that allows for a greater range of land uses without relaxing the building form standards of the zone.

Outdoor Advertising Sign. See Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 895.

Overhead Doors. Doors constructed in horizontally hinged sections that are equipped with hardware that rolls the sections into an overhead position clear of the opening.

Section 33. That Section 1703-9.10(P), "P. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

P. Definitions

Parapet. A low wall along the edge of a roof or the portion of a wall that extends above the roof line.

Parcel. See "Lot."

Parking Driveway Width. The horizontal dimension, measured perpendicular to the direction of travel, of a driveway. Passive Recreation. See "Recreation, Passive."

Path of Travel. A continuous, unobstructed pedestrian way.

Pedestrian Shed. An area centered on a major destination. Its size is measured by the average distance that may be traveled at an easy walking pace in a given amount of time from its center to its edge. Pedestrian sheds are useful for planning walkable areas. See Subsection 1703-6.30.B (Pedestrian Sheds).

Planting Strips. A landscaped or grassy area located between a street and a sidewalk.

Podium. A continuous projecting base or pedestal under a building.

Podium Tops. A flat, elevated and open area above a podium that can be used as common area.

Porch. A covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building.

Pre-Development Grade. The grade of a lot prior to any site improvements related to the proposed development.

Presumable Curb. The point at which the paved area of a street with no curb ends.

Property. See "Lot".

Public Use. A use undertaken by a political subdivision, its agents or assigns.

Push Through Signs. Letters or logos are routed out of a solid opaque surface and matching acrylic letters are pushed through the back of the sign to protrude from the surface.

Section 34. That existing Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations,"

1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703-2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses," 1703-5.110, 1703-5.120, "Temporary Uses," "Accessory Uses," 1703-8.50, "Administration and Procedures," 1703-9.10(E), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(F), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(H), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(N), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(O), "Definitions," and 1703-9.10(P), "Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 35. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strike through.



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Katherine Keough-Jurs
Cincinnati Department of Planning
805 Central Ave
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Katherine,

We are writing to you as representatives of the Cincinnati neighborhoods that have adopted Form Based Code (FBC). FBC has been active in our neighborhoods for several years now, and each neighborhood has become aware of certain errors or unintended consequences within FBC. We understand that City Planning and Zoning representatives have also come across some discrepancies within FBC that need addressing. Therefore, this letter serves as a formal request from these neighborhoods to the City Planning and Zoning Departments to review the FBC document for scrivener errors and clarifications.

In addition to review, this letter serves as a formal request for a text amendment addressing internally lit signage. As you are aware, FBC does not allow lit signage with few exceptions. The most effective/popular type of signage in a neighborhood business district, the internally lit blade sign, is one of those excluded. As our neighborhood business districts grow, we want to be supportive and welcoming to new businesses and remove as many barriers to opening and becoming successful as possible.

College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills and Westwood would like to begin a conversation with the City's Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Departments around scrivener errors, clarifications, and a text amendment addressing internally lit blade signs. We appreciate the City's willingness to work with neighborhood community councils and community development corporations to encourage growth and prosperity in our neighborhoods. We look forward to hearing back from you regarding next steps.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I am available at 513-415-2272 or emily@walnuthillsrf.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily S. Ahouse".

Emily S. Ahouse
Executive Director
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation

Juengling, Andy

From: Andreas Lange <ALange@pwwgarch.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] RE: Notice of Public Staff Conference and Public Hearing | Proposed Text Amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code and Land Development Code

External Email Communication

Andy,

Thank you for this notification.

One of the changes does affect a project we are working on. Item #4 – revising the code to allow hotel use in DD-C will allow our project to move forward at 602 Main St.

My office, PWWG is the architect of record for the project.

Is our office or ownership required to attend any of the upcoming meetings?

Thanks,

ANDREAS LANGE

C 513.315.0639

www.pwwgarch.com

From: Juengling, Andy <Andy.Juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 1:22 PM
Cc: Juengling, Andy <Andy.Juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: Notice of Public Staff Conference and Public Hearing | Proposed Text Amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code and Land Development Code

Good afternoon,

The City of Cincinnati Department of City Planning will hold a **Virtual Public Staff Conference on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** to discuss and gather public comment to be used in staff's report to the City Planning Commission on the following:

A proposal to modify Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," and Title XVII, "Land Development Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," 1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703- 2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses," 1703-8.50, "Administration and Procedures," 1703- 9.10(E), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(F), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(H), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(N), "Definitions," 1703-

9.10(O), "Definitions," and 1703-9.10(P), "Definitions,"; and REPEALING Sections 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1703-5.110, "Accessory Uses," and 1703-5.120, "Temporary Uses," to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener's errors in the City's zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

Additional information regarding the proposed text amendments can be viewed at:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/proposed-text-amendments-to-the-cincinnati-zoning-code/>

Please see attached notification that has been mailed out to all community councils regarding a **Virtual Public Staff Conference** to be held virtually on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

If you wish to attend the meeting, please email a request to andy.juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov for the meeting link to join and it will be sent directly to you.

The City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Friday, June 4th at 9:00 A.M.** to discuss and take action on the proposed text amendments. Notice of the Public Hearing is included in the attached Notice.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Andy Juengling, AICP | Senior City Planner
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Juengling, Andy

From: Jan McNerney <janmcnern@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 9:31 AM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] Changes to UD overlay

External Email Communication

I am out of town and unable to attend your meetings. Please do not change the UD overlay that would make it easier for developers to demolish and replace buildings in the urban core. Mt Lookout and Hyde park have lost hundreds of fine houses and buildings because of developers' greed. It would be terrible if their path was easier.

Thank you.

Jan McNerney
1331 Park Ridge Pl
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Sent from my iPhone

Juengling, Andy

From: Juengling, Andy
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:45 AM
To: cpress@mindspring.com
Subject: RE: [External Email] Proposed Zoning Revisions

Thank you for your email. I will make sure to pass this information along to the City Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration.

The proposal you described is not a part of the current text amendment proposal being considered, but we will make a note for any future amendments to the Zoning Code.

Thank you,

Andy Juengling, AICP | Senior City Planner
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From: cpress@mindspring.com <cpress@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Juengling, Andy <Andy.Juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: [External Email] Proposed Zoning Revisions

External Email Communication

Sir:

The Proposed Revisions should not continue the prohibition against new two-family homes in residential areas.

As evidenced by the public requests for “affordable housing,” this prohibition reduces the stock of rental and owner-shared housing.

Zoning should permit two-family residences, even if with limiting requirements to, for example, provide parking for four vehicles on-property, or limit the development to SF-6 and higher.

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24 May 2021

Andy Juengling, Senior City Planner
805 Central Ave
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Mr. Juengling,

In response to the notice sent regarding "Proposed Text Amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code," the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee solicited comments from Committee members for your consideration. Comments are as follow.

"These seem like innocuous changes and language clean up. I don't have any issue with them."

"I noted that in SF zones, the limitations on Rooming Units is going from L11 to L10. L11 says that rooming units can only exist if they were established prior to 2004, whereas L10 says that no more than 2 rooming units are allowed per single-family home. I like this change because the reality is that it is nearly impossible for the city to really regulate people renting out rooms because so much of it happens off the books, and given the rise in housing costs in the past decade this will allow some much needed housing in existing homes for people to rent out at a cheaper price than renting out a whole living unit. So unless I'm reading it incorrectly, this seems like a reasonable change. Capping it at 2 should address crowding concerns as someone can really only rent out more than 2 rooms if their home has 3 or more bedrooms."

"The first part is about neighborhoods that have adopted Form Based Code, which is not our issue. The rest looks like it mainly involves changes to how "agriculture" occurs within the city. Anything the city does to facilitate gardening at any scale in the city is good, if that's the intention. The rest is about signage and parking and seems sensible."

If you have any questions about these comments, feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Schneider', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jason Schneider, AIA
Chair, Planning and Zoning Committee
planning@northsidecouncil.com

CC: Becky Smolenski-Finnigan

Juengling, Andy

From: Karen Robertson <krobertson2973@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] City Planning Commission Public Hearing - June 4th - PUBLIC COMMENTS

External Email Communication

Dear Andy,

Below are my concerns regarding the proposed text amendments for the zoning code:

Changing our city's zoning code is a necessary action in order to create more opportunities for demolitions and use changes for existing buildings located in UD Overlay Districts. The new project being proposed by Town Properties in Pleasant Ridge is a good example for supporting this change. This project not only has community support but has secured financial support from the city.

With that said, I do have issues with the proposed text changes as it pertains to future projects down the road. It is vital for community councils to have a say during the initial stages of the planning process for all projects within their UD Overlay Districts. No one better understands the function and aesthetic values of their UD overlay district more than community councils.

I recommend new language be added on pages 55/56 making it a requirement for developers to consult with community councils during the initial planning stage. This allows community councils the opportunity to weigh in during early discussions of the planning process for all demolition and use change requests within their UD Overlay District. This requirement should be an integral part of the initial preliminary planning process before the project advances further.

Developers working side by side with community councils should be the planning department's goal. Both entities closely working together for the common good of the community.

Regards,

Karen Robertson
Hyde Park

Juengling, Andy

From: Laura Whitman <mlwhit@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Cc: Brian Spitler; Renee LaFaive; Rob Pasquinucci
Subject: [External Email] Comments Regarding Proposed Amendments to Zoning Code - UD Overlay Districts, Demo

External Email Communication

Good afternoon Andy –

I unfortunately will not be able to make it to the virtual public staff conference this afternoon due to a prior commitment, but wanted to share my comments regarding proposed changes to the demolition clause pertaining to the Urban Design Overlay District portion of the zoning code. My specific objections pertain to bullets 2 and 3 included in the proposed modifications to **§1437-09 (i) Demolition, D1:**

Bullet 2 (new): This proposed addition to the code allows the ZHE to approve a requested demolition if “demolition of the building will facilitate the construction of a new building or establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district.” My objections to this clause are:

As written, this clause would allow **any** building within a UD district to be demolished, even if it contributes to the character of community and/or is economically viable. This would effectively serve as a bypass of the UD District Overlay designation. If included in the zoning code, it would negate all protections that the community, multiple city departments and City Council applied to existing buildings included within the UD district. This provision needs to be amended to prevent viable, character-defining buildings from being eliminated based on the whim of property owners and developers.

This clause also creates a way to bypass the will of the groups that pursued the UD District designation by giving all determining authority to the ZHE, a single City employee. As you know, it is a joint effort between communities, multiple city departments and City Council to designate a business district as a UD District, and these groups have to go through an intensive process to gain the UD district designation. Further, the designation is applied in the interest of protecting the **existing** physical character of a business district. However, this proposed new clause allows existing buildings of that district to be eliminated without seeking the input of the voices of those who initially sought to protect them. The proposed clause should be amended to require approval not just of the ZHE, but also of multiple representatives of the groups that applied the UD Overlay designation, including the affected community.

I also strongly object to the references included in the proposed amendment that suggest property owners can pursue changing the use of the property/land within a UD district [see (i), bullet 2] to permit redevelopment. The use of land and properties within UD Overlay Districts is deeply considered by the applying community, multiple City departments and City Council as part of the designation process. Allowing a property owner to pursue a land use change in a UD District, and allowing the ZHE to approve that change without community, City dept., and City Council review, input and preferably approval, should not be allowed.

Bullet 3 (new): This proposed clause allows a demolition to be approved if the subject building is not economically-viable to the owner. This is an incredibly slippery slope that slides in large favor to property owners and developers seeking to make a profit rather than preserving community character. We have all seen and experienced property owners/developers with redevelopment in mind proactively pursue the purchase of properties not currently on the market and acquire the properties by paying above market value. Then, they claim economic hardship on their newly-purchased properties based on self-determined measures. This is a circumstance that is self-created and should not be condoned by the City. This clause, however, not only condones this practice, but will also encourage the practice to escalate. This clause should be removed.

Bullets 2 and 3 are significant threats to the integrity of the purpose of an Urban Design Overlay district. They will make development within UD districts much easier, leave decisions pertaining to the district in the hands of just one individual instead of those that requested – and were granted - the protection in the first place. While we recognize that the existing code is perhaps too limiting (in that it requires buildings within UD districts to be declared health and safety hazards in order for demolition to be approved), these proposed changes are not appropriate solutions to this issue and should not be approved as currently written.

Again, I apologize for not being at the meeting this evening, but I hope you and the City Planning staff will deeply consider the concerns outlined above and proceed with drafting modifications that better respect the purpose and intent of UD Overlay Districts and the communities they protect.

Sincerely,

Laura Whitman

Mt. Lookout

Juengling, Andy

From: Wollenweber, Gary (GE Aviation, US) <gary.wollenweber@ge.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Cc: Keough-Jurs, Katherine
Subject: RE: [External Email] Staff Conference

These are my personal comments for today's Staff conference. Unfortunately the short notification and review period did not permit a broader review and consensus of the Hyde Park Zoning Committee or the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council.

1. Good idea to finally fix the numbering on the SF Conditional Use limitations.
2. Regarding: That Section 1703-9.10(E), "E. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Your definition "*Edison Bulbs. Reproduction light bulbs manufactured to have the appearance of the original light bulbs introduced by Thomas Edison. Typically, these are incandescent bulbs with filaments and lens shaped like the original bulbs.*" occurring on page 65. My comment is "Edison bulbs " are available with LED or incandescent "originally styled" tungsten filament. The LED should be encouraged unless historical accuracy is required. Also an Edison bulb (and most other standard bulbs A19, A21, etc. have no lens but rather a "glass bulb" or "glass shell" or "bulb "that might be clear or slightly tinted. A lens is a focusing feature.

https://www.amazon.com/Dimmable-Vintage-Antique-Squarrel-Filament/dp/B0742BCD61/ref=asc_df_B0742BCD61/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=216527863848&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3365511430090490863&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmld=&hvlcint=&hvlocphy=9015707&hvtargid=pla-355475192052&psc=1

3. Regarding proposed Urban Design D1 modification on Page 55. There is nothing in the first standard (first bullet) where the examiner must consider that the existing building, (proposed for demo) contributes by offering screening, residential appearance of commercial property or other benefits to abutting residential neighbors. This is important at the boundaries of UD districts that often abut residential districts.
4. Not mentioned in your proposed changes is Table 1427-33. Please consider separating changeable copy signs into multiple categories for a) changeable by opaque letter or panel (like Knox Church) , b) changeable by electronic display (like HP Methodist). Make it clear all electronic changeable copy signs are internally illuminated and NOT permitted in SF and RM districts. I believe the current wording and formatting of "*External or Internal*
In SF and RM districts: External and non-flashing and non-moving only" directly contributed to the mistake made by plan examiner resulting in a permitted electronic internally illuminated sign in an SF district that could not be removed. Ensure no conflict with Section 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.
5. It is unfair and damaging to any neighborhood for Zoning Hearing Examiner decision standard to be based on an "*applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plan approved by City Council*" when neighborhood either has "no plan approved by City Council" or the only master plan, urban design plan or community plan is so old that hearing examiner, planning commission and/or city council can dismiss that plans existence as "outdated". Please insist on the resources to complete and update all plans or delete or modify the standard until plans are updated.

From: Juengling, Andy <Andy.Juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Wollenweber, Gary (GE Aviation, US) <gary.wollenweber@ge.com>
Subject: EXT: RE: [External Email] Staff Conference

Gary,

All of the information, including the proposed ordinance with the proposed amendments can be viewed at the link below. Also below are all of the Zoom link details.

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Cc: Wollenweber (fuse) <wollenweber@fuse.net>
Subject: [External Email] Staff Conference

External Email Communication

Can you send me e-mail with the link to the proposed text amendments that will be discussed May 24 AND a link to join the May 24 Zoom Staff Conference?

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From: Karen Robertson <krobertson2973@gmail.com>
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To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] City Planning Commission Public Hearing - June 4th - PUBLIC COMMENTS

External Email Communication

Dear Andy,

Below are my concerns regarding the proposed text amendments for the zoning code:

Changing our city's zoning code is a necessary action in order to create more opportunities for demolitions and use changes for existing buildings located in UD Overlay Districts. The new project being proposed by Town Properties in Pleasant Ridge is a good example for supporting this change. This project not only has community support but has secured financial support from the city.

With that said, I do have issues with the proposed text changes as it pertains to future projects down the road. It is vital for community councils to have a say during the initial stages of the planning process for all projects within their UD Overlay Districts. No one better understands the function and aesthetic values of their UD overlay district more than community councils.

I recommend new language be added on pages 55/56 making it a requirement for developers to consult with community councils during the initial planning stage. This allows community councils the opportunity to weigh in during early discussions of the planning process for all demolition and use change requests within their UD Overlay District. This requirement should be an integral part of the initial preliminary planning process before the project advances further.

Developers working side by side with community councils should be the planning department's goal. Both entities closely working together for the common good of the community.

Regards,

Karen Robertson
Hyde Park

Honorable City Planning Commission
Cincinnati, Ohio

August 20, 2021

SUBJECT: A report and recommendation on proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703- 2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,”; and REPEALING Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

EXHIBITS:

Provided in addition to this report are the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A Proposed Text Amendment Ordinance
- Exhibit B Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation Letter
- Exhibit C Written Comment

BACKGROUND:

In February 2019, the Department of City Planning and Engagement received a written request from the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, as representatives of one of the four neighborhoods to adopt Form Based Code (FBC), that served as a formal request from College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills, and Westwood to begin conversations with the Department of City Planning and Engagement, and the Department of Buildings and Inspections, specifically the Zoning Division and Urban Conservator’s Office, to address scrivener errors, clarifications, and internally illuminated signage.

In addition to the above referenced and requested amendments, the City of Cincinnati conducted a review of the Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to identify related and necessary text amendments. Of the areas identified, it was determined that Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” as it relates to urban agriculture, horticulture, and animal keeping, needs to be amended to reflect the recently adopted Chapter 1422, “Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping” of the Zoning Code.

The proposed text amendments to modify specific sections of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII “Land Development Code” are intended to add consistency to the Cincinnati Municipal Code, continue to build streamlined and cohesive development processes, and add transparency to city requirements and development procedures.

On June 4, 2021, the City Planning Commission considered the Department of City Planning and Engagement's recommendation to approve the proposed text amendments, as outlined above. In addition, the City Planning Commission also considered proposed text amendments to include modifications to the Urban Design Overlay District review standards. During the meeting, there was concern raised by community members regarding the number of text amendments proposed and the amount of time given to community councils to review the proposed changes. Additional questions and comments were raised related to the proposed changes for the Urban Design Overlay District construction and demolition review criteria, proposed allowance of hotels in the Downtown Development, DD-C zoning district, and the role of the community councils in the decision-making process. Based on the discussion, the City Planning Commission made a motion to hold the item to allow for additional engagement between the Department of City Planning and Engagement, the Law Department, the Department of Buildings & Inspections – Zoning Division and the community representatives regarding the proposed amendments.

Due to feedback received at the June 4, 2021 City Planning Commission and the public staff conferences, the proposed text amendments related to the Urban Design Overlay District review standards have been removed from consideration at this time to permit additional engagement and modification.

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS:

The Department of City Planning and Engagement, the Department of Buildings and Inspections, and the Law Department propose the following amendments to the Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," and Title XVII, "Land Development Code" of the Cincinnati Municipal Code:

***Section 1* – Section 1401-01-A8 "Animal Keeping"**

Addition of a reference to Section 1422-03(d) "Animal Keeping" for definition consistency with Chapter 1422 – Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping.

Section 1401-01-A8 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code currently contains a definition for "Animal Keeping" and this reference will refer the user to the Section of the Cincinnati Zoning Code that establishes the regulations and requirements for "Animal Keeping."

***Section 2* – Section 1403-05 "Land Use Regulations"**

Correction of references to the Specific Limitations list for the Use Regulations for Single-family Districts.

The existing Section 1403-05 includes references to a *Specific Limitation* "L14," which does not exist. Because of this, all references to the *Specific Limitations* need to be adjusted to correlate with the correct *Specific Limitation*.

***Section 3* – Section 1409-07 "Land Use Regulations"**

Correction of references to the Specific Limitations list for the Use Regulations for Commercial Subdistricts.

Removal of, and addition, of Specific Limitations.

Removal of existing L5 ("Presentation of entertainment is not permitted in outdoor areas"), as it did not pertain to the uses referenced in the use table. Because of this, a corrected L5 was established "Permitted provided that outdoor storage is screened with an 8 ft. privacy fence"). Because of this, other references to the *Specific Limitations* are proposed to be adjusted to correlate with the *Specific Limitations*.

Section 4 – Section 1411-05 “Land Use Regulations”

Correction of section reference for the Use Regulations-Downtown Development Use Subdistrict Schedule.

The existing Section 1411-05 references “Schedule 1413-05,” which is the Manufacturing Districts Use Regulation Table. The proposed amendment corrects this to reference “Schedule 1411-05,” which is the Downtown Development Use Regulation Table.

Addition of “Hotel and Commercial Lodging” to Subdistrict “C” of the Downtown Development district.

“Hotel and Commercial Lodging” uses are permitted in all Subdistricts of the Downtown Development district, with the exception of the Downtown Development Subdistrict C (DD-C). This Subdistrict has received requests for the reuse of existing structures as hotel uses, and it was discovered that this use is prohibited. Subdistrict C is the *Downtown Support* district which is intended to “maintain and enhance the Downtown Development District by providing sites for offices, residential, commercial and public and semi-public uses essential for the livelihood of businesses and neighborhoods located in Cincinnati and residents living in the downtown area. Subdistrict C permits a mix of professional and governmental offices, residential, commercial, public, semi-public, and limited industrial uses.” The “Hotel and Commercial Lodging” use is consistent in nature with the purpose of this subdistrict and is currently inconsistently prohibited in only this subdistrict.

Section 5 – Section 1413-05 “Land Use Regulations”

Removal of reference to L17 (*Specific Limitation*) that does not exist for “Garden supply stores and nurseries.”

Addition of a reference to Section 1419-16, Additional Development Regulations for “Garden supply stores and nurseries.”

Currently, Section 1413-05 “Land Use Regulations” does not include *Specific Limitation* reference L17, which is outlined in the “Garden supply stores and nurseries” use table for Manufacturing Agricultural, MA zoning districts. “Garden supply stores and nurseries have Additional Regulations outlined in Section 1419-16, therefore, the proposal is to remove the reference to L17, permit “Garden supply stores and nurseries” by right in the MA zoning districts, with the Additional Regulations outlined by Section 1419-16.

Section 6 – Section 1422-05 “Development Regulations”

Correction of section reference for the Schedule for Animal Keeping Requirements.

Currently, Section 1422-05 (b) – Development Regulations, “Animal Keeping,” incorrectly references Schedule 1425-05, which is “Noncomplying Parking or Loading Facilities.” The proposed amendment corrects this reference to Schedule 1422-05: “Animal Keeping Requirements”

Section 7 – Section 1422-07 “Maintenance and Storage”

Correction of section reference for the definition of “Farm.”

Currently, Section 1422-07 (c)(1) – Maintenance and Storage, “Equipment and Material Storage” references Section 1422-03 F1 for the definition of “Farm,” which is *Landscaping and Buffer Yard Requirements*. The proposed amendment corrects this reference to Section 1401-01.F3: “Definitions. Farm.”

Section 8 – Section 1429-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements”

Addition of the RMX district to the schedule for off-street parking requirements for multi-family uses.

Currently, all zoning districts that permit multi-family residential uses, with the exception of the Residential Mixed, RMX zoning district are listed in Schedule 1425-19-A: Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, which establishes the number of parking spaces required per unit. The proposed amendment adds the RMX district to this schedule to require 1.5 parking spaces per every unit.

Section 11 – Section 1703-2.40 “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 12 – Section 1703-2.50 “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 13 – Section 1703-2.60 “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 14 – Section 1703-2.70 “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF); T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 15 – Section 1703-2.80 “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 16 – Section 1703-2.90 “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

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Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

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Section 17 – Section 1703-2.100 “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS) T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 18 – Section 1703-2.110 “T5 Flex (T5F) T5F Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 19 – Section 1703-2.120 “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Removal of references to “Community Gardens” as this former use type is now regulated under Chapter 1422 of the Zoning Code.

Addition of “Animal Keeping,” “Farm,” and “Garden” uses for consistency with the use types established by Chapter 1422.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 20 – Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required”

Clarification language for the calculation of minimum number of parking spaces required.

The current language for calculating the minimum number of parking spaces is to round the parking ratio calculation up or down to the closest whole number. The proposed amendment clarifies that the calculation shall be rounded down to the closest whole number.

Section 21 – Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs”

Addition of language related to permitting and allowance of permanent sign types in transect zones.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 22 – Section 1703-5.80 (L), “Directory Signs”

Clarification language for defining Directory Signs.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 23 – Section 1703-5.80 (O), “Pole/Monument Signs”

Clarification of the transect zones that Changeable Copy Pole/Monument Signs are permitted.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 24 – Section 1703-5.80 (S), “Wall Signs”

Clarification regarding the allowable height for wall sign lettering.

Clarification of the transect zones that Changeable Copy Wall Signs are permitted.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 25 – Section 1703-5.80 (T), “Wall Mural Signs”

Clarification that wall mural signs may only be externally illuminated.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 26 – Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens”

Replace “Community Gardens” language with a reference to Urban Agriculture provisions established by Section 1422 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Additional information in the *Analysis* section of this report.

Section 27 – Section 1703-8.50, “Relationship to Overlay Districts”

Clarification language regarding the relationship of transect zones to Overlay Districts including Urban Design Overlay Districts, Hillside Overlay Districts, Historic Assets, and Interim Development Control Overlay Districts.

The current language states that transect zones may be established in certain overlay districts, when the language should read that certain overlay districts may be applied to transect zones. The proposed language clarifies the hierarchy and relationship of overlay districts to transect zones.

Section 28 – Section 1703-9.10 (E), “E. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Edison Bulbs.

Proposed Definition: “Reproduction light bulbs manufactured to have the appearance of the original light bulbs introduced by Thomas Edison. Typically, these are incandescent bulbs with filaments and lens shaped like the original bulbs.”

Section 29 – Section 1703-9.10 (F), “F. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Front-Lit Signs.

Proposed Definition: “Individual letters are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with internal illumination and a polycarbonate sign face allowing light to illuminate the individual letter faces from within.”

Section 30 – Section 1703-9.10 (H), “H. Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs.

Proposed Definition: “Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the sides (returns) and faces, being mounted away from the wall to project illumination onto the wall surface creating a halo effect. Letters or logos themselves are opaque and not illuminated.”

Section 31 – Section 1703-9.10 (N), “N, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Neon Signs.

Proposed Definition: “Electric signs lighted by luminous gas-discharge tubes that contain rarified neon or other gases. If true neon is substituted for LED arrays, the lumen-level of the LED array may not exceed that of traditional levels.”

Section 32 – Section 1703-9.10 (O), “O, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Open-Lit Signs.

Proposed Definition: “Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with a clear or open face. Illumination is provided within the sign and is exposed and visible from the front of the sign. These signs are typically designed with neon or Edison Bulb lighting.”

Section 33 – Section 1703-9.10 (P), “P, Definitions”

Addition of a definition for Push Through Signs.

Proposed Definition: “Letters or logos are routed out of a solid opaque surface and matching acrylic letters are pushed through the back of the sign to protrude from the surface.

The proposed ordinance modifying Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is attached as Exhibit A.

ANALYSIS:

This proposed modifications to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” are necessary in order to clarify existing regulations and processes. In addition to the proposed amendments that add clarity and consistency within the text of Title XIV and Title XVII, the proposal includes language to establish clarity of signage types and requirements for certain transect zones within the Form Based Code neighborhoods and adds definitions for terminology that is introduced by the proposed amendments. The following is an outline of the overall categories of modifications, and staff’s analysis of each.

Scrivener’s Errors/Clarifications

Section 1 – Section 1401-01-A8 “Animal Keeping”

Section 2 – Section 1403-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Single-Family Districts

Section 3 – Section 1409-07 “Land Use Regulations” | Commercial Districts

Section 4 – Section 1411-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Downtown Development Districts

Section 5 – Section 1413-05 “Land Use Regulations” | Manufacturing Districts

Section 6 – Section 1422-05 “Development Regulations”

Section 7 – Section 1422-07 “Maintenance and Storage”

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Section 20 – Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required”

Section 27 – Section 1703-8.50, “Relationship to Overlay Districts”

These proposed amendments do not make any significant modifications to content of Title XIV or Title XVII of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These proposed modifications are intended to add clarity to allow for ease of interpretation of the Zoning Code and Land Development Code as it relates to chapter references, limitation references, and scrivener’s errors that have occurred during previous ordinance amendments. These proposals are necessary in order to clean up the existing language in each Title of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Urban Agriculture (Chapter 1422) Reflection in Title XVII, “Land Development Code”

Section 11 – Section 1703-2.40 “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 12 – Section 1703-2.50 “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 13 – Section 1703-2.60 “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 14 – Section 1703-2.70 “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF); T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 15 – Section 1703-2.80 “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 16 – Section 1703-2.90 “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 17 – Section 1703-2.100 “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS) T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 18 – Section 1703-2.110 “T5 Flex (T5F) T5F Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 19 – Section 1703-2.120 “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture”

Section 26 – Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens”

On June 26, 2019, City Council approved the addition of Chapter 1422, “Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping” to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” (Council Ordinance 251-2019). Included in that ordinance were amendments to terms and definitions related to urban agriculture, horticulture, and animal keeping throughout the Title XIV, in order create consistent language and terminology throughout the Zoning Code. Under the proposed text amendment ordinance, Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” terminology, uses, definitions, and code references will be consistent between Title XIV and Title XVII. The proposed amendments are necessary to avoid conflicting terms and definitions between the Zoning Code and Land Development Code.

Title XVII, “Land Development Code” Signage

Section 21 – Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs”

Section 22 – Section 1703-5.80 (L), “Directory Signs”

Section 23 - Section 1703-5.80 (O), “Pole/Monument Signs”

Section 24 – Section 1703-5.80 (S), “Wall Signs”

Section 25 – Section 1703-5.80 (T), “Wall Mural Signs”

The identified modifications to Title XVII, “Land Development Code” related to signage is a result of an ongoing effort to update the Cincinnati Municipal Code to address evolving development trends and achieve the goals and interests of neighborhood groups. The four neighborhoods that have adopted Form Based Code (Walnut Hills, Madisonville, College Hill, and Westwood) submitted a letter to the City in February of 2019 to address internally illuminated signage in the Land Development Code (Exhibit B). The proposed updates add clarification language for permanent signs in the transect zones of these neighborhoods, establish illumination criteria for specific signage types, define changeable copy signs and establish requirements and transects where these signs are permitted, and provide clarification language and chapter references. These amendments provide Form Based Code neighborhoods and applicants clarification on the signage types and illumination methods permitted. These amendments are also necessary to provide city reviewing agencies with language to consistently review signage applications that are submitted.

Addition of Definitions

Section 28 – Section 1703-9.10 (E), “E. Definitions” | Edison Bulbs

Section 29 – Section 1703-9.10 (F), “F. Definitions” | Front-Lit Signs

Section 30 – Section 1703-9.10 (H), “H, Definitions” | Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs

Section 31 – Section 1703-9.10 (N), “N, Definitions” | Neon Signs

Section 32 – Section 1703-9.10 (O), “O, Definitions” | Open-Lit Signs

Section 33 – Section 1703-9.10 (P), “P, Definitions” | Push Through Signs

The proposed definitions are necessary to add clarity to the proposed amendments to Section 1703-5.80 (E), “Permanent Signs,” of Title XVII, “Land Development Code.” This proposal will add transparency and consistency to the permissible illumination methods for permanent building and ground signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTIFICATION:

The Department of City Planning and Engagement mailed a joint notice of Virtual Public Staff Conference and scheduled City Planning Commission meeting to every Community Council and Community Development Corporation in the City of Cincinnati on May 10, 2021. The notice was also emailed to the contacts of record that the City retains for the Community Councils and the Community Development Corporations. In addition to the mailed and emailed notice, a webpage was posted on the Department of City Planning and Engagement’s website with information on the public meeting dates, background of the proposal, summary of the modifications, and the draft ordinance highlighting each of the proposed amendments.

A Virtual Public Staff Conference was held on May 24, 2021 to gather comment and input regarding the proposed text amendments. There were 15 community members in attendance representing various community councils, neighborhoods, community development corporations, property owners, and interested stakeholders. Representatives from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, the Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Division, and Law Department were also in attendance.

During the discussion community members raised concerns regarding the proposed modifications to *Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”* and *Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts.”* There were concerns that the proposed language would increase the ability for property owners and developers to demolish structures within the Urban Design Overlay Districts, and that the process of review for these requests will be decided solely by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. There was interest that the community council stance on an application should be considered as decision criteria for the Zoning Hearing Examiner. There was additional concern that during the Zoning Hearing Examiner meetings, community councils do not have the ability to cross examine due to the legal costs associated to hire legal representation and felt the process is not equitable. Attendees also voiced concern that while City staff strongly encourages applicant engagement with the community, there is no policy requiring this engagement prior to application for a demolition or new construction in an Urban Design Overlay District.

There were questions raised as to the purpose of modifying these sections of the Zoning Code. City staff explained that as currently written, a structure can only be eligible for demolition if the Director of the Department of Buildings and Inspections orders the demolition, and it meets established criteria, which is still subject to review by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. Staff further explained that the proposed amendment would continue to allow for a public process of review and a demolition application would need to demonstrate the proposed criteria for each scenario to the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The sentiment was shared by several community members in attendance that the restrictive nature of the Urban Design Overlay District can be appreciated, but the process and requirements should not be loosened to allow for demolition.

Concerns were also submitted in writing to the Department of City Planning and Engagement regarding the criteria to be demonstrated to the Zoning Hearing Examiner, including “applicable urban design plan or other

applicable community plan approved by City Council” as some neighborhoods either do not have a plan that has been approved by City Council, or the plan that has been approved could be considered outdated. Additional concerns and comments regarding specific criteria proposed are attached in Exhibit C.

Conversely, some in attendance expressed support for the proposed modifications to *Section 9 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”* and *Section 10 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts”* as the current language prevents an existing non-contributing building from being demolished, which prevents development that is supported by certain communities and neighborhood groups in Urban Design Overlay Districts. These representatives indicated that the proposed language would allow an existing non-contributing building to be demolished and allow a development project to move forward that would contribute to that specific Urban Design Overlay District and neighborhood goals.

During the meeting, there were concerns raised about the timeliness of notifications related to applications submitted to the City, and the short time frame that the community councils are given to respond to applications and proposals. An interest was expressed by those in attendance for added notification to allow for additional time for community councils and residents to react to, and provide comments for, not only applications within Urban Design Overlay Districts, but for development processes in general. This sentiment was shared by attendees regarding the subject proposed text amendments.

There were also general clarification questions regarding the proposal. There were specific questions related to the proposed Community Garden references and definitions, whether LED lighting used as signage in storefronts was to be addressed through the proposed or any future text amendments, and clarification regarding the proposed new construction two-step review process for the Urban Design Overlay Districts. City staff was available to respond to these questions.

After the June 4, 2021, City Planning Commission meeting, the Department of City Planning and Engagement held a second Virtual Public Staff Conference on July 29, 2021. The Department of City Planning and Engagement mailed a notice of Virtual Public Staff Conference to every Community Council and Community Development Corporation in the City of Cincinnati on July 1, 2021. The notice was also emailed to the contacts of record that the City retains for the Community Councils and the Community Development Corporations. All those that had been in attendance during the May 24, 2021 Virtual Public Staff Conference and the June 4, 2021 City Planning Commission meeting also received emailed notification. In addition to the mailed and emailed notice, the webpage on the Department of City Planning and Engagement’s website with information on the public meeting dates, background of the proposal, summary of the modifications, and the draft ordinance highlighting each of the proposed amendments. Amendments were updated to include additional summaries, maps, links to all Zoning Code references, and fillable forms for comments and questions to be directly submitted to Department of City Planning and Engagement staff for responses. The link to this webpage was provided on the notice, along with a QR code to direct individuals directly to the webpage.

The Virtual Public Staff Conference was held on July 29, 2021 to gather comment and input regarding the proposed text amendments. There were 26 community members in attendance representing various community councils, neighborhoods, community development corporations, property owners, and interested stakeholders. Representatives from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, the Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Division, Law Department, and City Manager’s Office were also in attendance. The comments and discussion focused primarily on the proposed text amendments to the UDOD review standards. However, there was a concern noted about the to the proposed text amendment that would permit the addition

of hotels and commercial lodging in the Downtown Development Subdistrict C unless parking would be required. There is currently a Parking Overlay District over the Downtown Development Subdistrict C which means no parking would be required. There were also general concerns noted about the need for more community engagement at earlier stages in the development process.

The Department of City Planning and Engagement has also received a letter reiterating the concerns and comments regarding the proposed addition of hotels and commercial lodging in the Downtown Development Subdistrict C (Exhibit C).

Due to feedback received at both public staff conferences and the June 4, 2021 City Planning Commission meeting, the proposed text amendments to the Urban Design Overlay District (UDOD) review standards will be heard by City Planning Commission at a later date. It should be noted that some of the letters received were exclusively regarding the proposed text amendments to the Urban Design Overlay Districts review standards. Those letters, along with staff conference comments, will be included in the future staff report on the proposed text amendments to the UDOD review standards.

The Department of City Planning and Engagement mailed a notice of the August 20, 2021 City Planning Commission meeting to every Community Council and Community Development Corporation in the City of Cincinnati on August 5, 2021. The notice was also emailed to the contacts of record that the City retains for the Community Councils and the Community Development Corporations, as well as anyone who submitted written comment or participated in a public staff conference or the previous City Planning Commission meeting.

CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:

The proposed modifications to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” is consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012), particularly within Goal 3 to “foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” (pg. 103), specifically the Strategy to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (pg. 111). The proposed amendments are intended to ensure transparency, consistency, and clarity to the both the Zoning Code and Land Development Code, making development processes easier to understand for both the community and applicants.

CONCLUSIONS:

The goal of the proposed modifications to the specific sections of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code” is to add consistency throughout the Cincinnati Municipal Code, continue to build streamlined and cohesive development processes, and add transparency to city requirements and development procedures. Each of the proposed amendments will add clarity to city regulations for applicants, the general public, and city reviewing agencies for development proposals.

Further, the proposed modifications to the Section 1703-5.80 of Title XVII regarding signage in the transect zones of the Form Based Code neighborhoods is consistent with the request of the letter submitted by the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation (Exhibit B) to add specific language related to internally illuminated signage.

The proposed amendments are necessary to ensure that the City’s Zoning Code and Land Development Code are updated to react to public safety, development trends, and the identified goals of neighborhoods and the city as a whole. These proposals are also consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012).

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of the Department of City Planning and Engagement recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703- 2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703- 5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,”; and REPEALING Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

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MODIFYING Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” Section 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703-2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,”; and **REPEALING** Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener’s errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning has recommended text amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code and the Land Development Code to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener’s errors within those codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the changes include providing greater clarity concerning the types of signs permitted in certain zoning code districts; correcting and clarifying code references related to the City’s urban agriculture land use regulations, refining the standards for the demolition of existing structures in Urban Design Overlay Districts, and certain other code refinements; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on _____, the City Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendments and recommended their approval finding them to be in the interest of the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare;

WHEREAS, a committee of Council held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments following due and proper notice pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 111-1, and the committee approved the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the text amendments are in accordance with the Plan Cincinnati (2012) “Compete” goal to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (p. 111); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the proposed text amendments to be in the best interests of the City and the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1401-01-A8. - Animal Keeping.

“Animal Keeping” means the keeping of any animals, including fish and insects, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, companionship, commercial breeding, and/or the raising for human consumption. Types of Animal Keeping may include:

- (a) *Apiary*. Any structure where one or more colonies or nuclei of bees are kept.
- (b) *Aquaculture*. The cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species.
- (c) *Aquaponics*. The combination of aquaculture and hydroponics to grow food or ornamental crops and aquatic species together in a recirculating system without any discharge or exchange of water.

Reference to § 1422-03(d), “Animal Keeping.”

Section 2. That Section 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1403-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1403-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for SF Districts. Uses are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Uses not listed in the Schedule 1403-05 are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1403-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.

(c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1403-05: Use Regulations - Single-family Districts

Use Classifications	SF-20	SF-10	SF-6	SF-4	SF-2	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses						
Bed and breakfast home	—	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-09
Child day care home	L5	L5	L5	L5	L5	
	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	
Group residential						
Convents and monasteries	C	C	C	C	C	
Fraternities and sororities	—	—	—	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	—	—	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	—	—	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	—	—	—	L4	L4	
				<u>L3</u>	<u>L3</u>	
Permanent residential						
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1403-11
Attached single-family dwelling	L14	L14	L14	P	P	See § 1403-11
	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>			
Two-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Multi-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	

	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Residential care facilities						
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses						
Cemeteries	—	—	—	L1	L1	
Cultural institutions	—	—	C	C	C	
Park and recreation facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	L13	
	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	
Public safety facilities	—	—	—	C	C	
Religious assembly	C	C	C	C	C	
School, public or private	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-12
Transportation, Communication and Utilities						
Public utility distribution system	C	C	C	C	C	
Wireless communication antenna	L2	L2	L2	L2	L2	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses						
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	C	C	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses						
Any accessory use not listed below	L9	L9	L9	L9	L9	
	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	

Home Occupation	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-17
Commercial Vehicle Parking	L6	L6	L6	L6	L6	
	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	
Child day-care centers	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	
	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive Box	L8	L8	L8	L8	L8	
	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	
Fences and walls	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-33
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Cemetery, incidental buildings and structures	—	—	—	L10	L10	
				<u>L9</u>	<u>L9</u>	
Rooming Unit	—	—	L11	L11	L11	
			<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses						See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only expansion of existing cemeteries allowed with a conditional use approval.
- L2 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may only be attached to a permitted agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L3 The minimum lot area for every resident is 800 square feet and the minimum living area for every resident is 250 square feet.
- L4 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.

- L5 One commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot with the following exceptions:
 - a. An unlimited number of commercial vehicles conveying the necessary tools, materials and equipment to a premises where labor using such tools, materials and equipment is to be performed during actual time of parking.
 - b. One commercial vehicle with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked not to exceed two tons in capacity.
 - c. Recreational vehicles, watercraft and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L6 Only if accessory to a public or semi-public use.
- L7 Accessory to a public or semi-public use, provided the drive-box is at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L8 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L9 Mausoleums, columbaria and other incidental buildings and structures within and accessory to cemeteries, may be no less than 100 feet from abutting properties in the residential district and may not exceed the height limitation for principal buildings of the district in which it is located.
- L10 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L11 This use must be legally established prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code. The use has the rights of Chapter 1447, Nonconforming Uses and Structures except for the provisions of § 1447-09 Expansion of Nonconforming Use and § 1447-11 Substitution of a Nonconforming Use.
- L12 Publicly owned or operated park and recreation facilities are permitted. All park and recreation facilities, private or non-profit, require a conditional use approval.
- L13 Attached single-family is only permitted as part of a cluster housing development. See § 1403-13.

Section 3. That Section 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1409-07. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1409-07 below prescribes the land use regulations for C Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1409-07 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1409-07. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1409-07: Use Regulations - Commercial Subdistricts

Use Classifications	CN-P	CN-M	CC-P	CC-M	CC-A	CG-A	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses							
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Day care home - Type A	L3	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	
Day care home - Type B	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	—	
Group residential							
Congregate housing	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Convents & monasteries	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Dormitories	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Fraternities & sororities	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Patient family homes	P	P	P	P	—	—	

Rooming houses	L1	L1	L1	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for elderly	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Permanent residential							
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	—	—	—	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Residential care facilities							
Assisted living	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Nursing home	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing							
Programs 1—4	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Program 5	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Program 6	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses							
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	P	P	

Day care center	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices							
Offices	L13 L9	L13 L9	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	—	—	—	—	—	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facilities	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses							
Ambulance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Animal service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	L13 L9	L13 L9	P	P	P	P	
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Building maintenance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Building materials sales and services	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Business services	L13 L9	L13 L9	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facility	—	—	—	P	P	P	

Eating and drinking establishments							
Convenience markets	L14 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Drinking establishments	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6 <u>P</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Food preparation	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Hotels and commercial lodging	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	

Medical services and clinics	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Offices	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	C	P	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Personal services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Private vehicular storage Lot	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment							
Indoor or small-scale	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	—	—	—	C	P	
Retail sales	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services							
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	—	—	C	L8 <u>L7</u>	P	
Car wash	—	—	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	P	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	—	C	P	P	See § 1419-27

Industrial Uses							
Production industry							
Artisan	C	C	C	C	P	P	
Limited	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Warehousing and storage							
Contractor storage	—	—	—	—	L5	L5	
Indoor storage	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses							
Communications facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Transportation facilities							
Heliports	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Railroad right-of-way	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L7 <u>L4</u>	L7 <u>L4</u>	L7 <u>L4</u>	L7 <u>L4</u>	L7 <u>L4</u>	L7 <u>L4</u>	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses							

Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses							See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	
	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	
	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	
Commercial vehicle parking	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Small-scale specialized incinerator	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses							See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code; the maximum number of rooming units is five, and a separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-43.
- L2 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445, Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.

- L3 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L4 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height required a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.
- L5 Permitted provided that outside storage is screened with an 8 ft. privacy fence.
- L6 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.
- L7 Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L8 Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed-use building; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L9 Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L10 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L11 The material incinerated is generated on-site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.

Specific Limitations

- ~~L1~~ ~~Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code; the maximum number of rooming units is five, and a separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-43.~~
- ~~L2~~ ~~Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445, Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.~~
- ~~L3~~ ~~Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.~~
- ~~L4~~ ~~Presentation of entertainment is not permitted in outdoor areas.~~
- ~~L5~~ ~~Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height required a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.~~
- ~~L6~~ ~~Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.~~
- ~~L7~~ ~~Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily~~

~~incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.~~

~~L8 — The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L9 — The material incinerated is generated on-site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L10 — Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

~~L11 — Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed-use building; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

Section 4. That Section 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1411-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1411-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for DD Downtown Development Use Subdistricts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule ~~1411-05~~ ~~1413-05~~ are prohibited.

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1411-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the Conditional Use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions.

Schedule 1411-05: Use Regulations-Downtown Development Use Subdistricts

Use Classifications	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses					
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	

Day care home - Type A	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Day care home - Type B	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Fraternities and sororities	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Patient family homes	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Rooming houses	L2	L2	L2	L2	
Shared housing for elderly	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Single-family rowhouse	P	P	P	P	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Residential care facilities					
Assisted living	—	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Nursing home	—	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—5	P	P	P	P	

Program 6	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Public and Semipublic Uses					
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	P	P	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	
Day care center	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	P	P	P	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facility	—	P	P	P	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Animal service facilities	—	C	C	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	L3	L3	L3	L3	
ATM, stand-alone	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-07
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09

Building maintenance services	—	—	P	—	
Business services	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facilities	L4	L4	L4	L4	
Eating and drinking establishments					
Convenience markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Drinking establishments	P	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Food preparation	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	—	—	P	—	
Hotels and commercial lodging	P	P	<u>P</u> —	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L4	—	L4	L4	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	P	
Medical services and clinics	L4	P	L4	L4	
Offices	L4	P	L4	L4	
Parking facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	See § 1411-25
Personal instructional services	L5	L5	P	L5	
Personal services	P	L6	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment					

Indoor or small-scale	L5	L5	P	L5	
Outdoor or large-scale	C	—	C	C	
Retail sales	P	L6	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	L7	—	L7	—	
Car wash	L7	L7	L7	L7	See § 1419-11
Vehicle repair	—	—	L8	—	See § 1419-27
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	—	—	P	P	
Limited	—	—	P	—	
Research and development	—	—	C	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Indoor storage	—	—	P	—	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	P	—	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities					
Communications facilities	P	—	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	L9	L9	L9	L9	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	—	C	—	
Public utility plant	C	—	C	—	
Transportation facilities					

Heliports	C	—	C	C	
Transportation passenger terminals	C	C	C	C	
Watercraft and riverfront facilities					
Commercial piers and ports	—	—	—	P	
Marinas	—	—	—	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L10	L10	L10	L10	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	—	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided in a mixed-use building.
- L2 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code are allowed. A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-23.
- L3 Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
- L4 Not permitted as a principal ground floor use in locations indicated on Map 1411-17: Commercial Continuity Overlay.
- L5 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed-use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to Chapter 1445-Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- L6 Permitted on the ground floor only.

- L7 Permitted as a secondary use located within a parking garage.
- L8 Permitted only if the entire use and storage is within an enclosed structure.
- L9 The facility must be underground, within a building or on the roof within an enclosure.
- L10 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, public utility, commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L11 Programs may not exceed 50 resident occupants.
- L12 Fencing must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L13 See 1411-25.

Section 5. That Section 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1413-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1413-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for M Manufacturing Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1413-05 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1413-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1413-05: Use Regulations - Manufacturing Districts

Use Classifications	MA	ML	MG	ME	Additional Regulations
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Residential Uses					
Day care home—Adult	P	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type A	L9	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type B	L1	—	—	—	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	—	L1	—	—	
Fraternities and sororities	—	L1	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	L1	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	P	L1	—	—	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	See § 1403-13
Two-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Multi-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Residential care facilities					
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	—	—	
Special assistance shelter	—	C	—	—	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—4	—	P	P	—	
Programs 5, 6	—	—	P	—	

Public and Semipublic Uses					
Community service facilities	P	P	—	—	
Day care center	P	P	L3	—	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Facilities and installations	—	—	C	—	
Juvenile detention facilities	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	—	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	—	—	
Public maintenance facilities	—	P	P	—	
Public safety facilities	C	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	—	—	
Schools, public or private	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Ambulance services	—	P	P	—	
Animal service facilities	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	—	P	P	—	
Building maintenance services	—	P	P	—	
Building materials sales and services	—	P	P	P	
Business services	—	P	P	—	
Eating and drinking establishments					

Convenience markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Drinking establishments	—	P	P	—	
Restaurants, full service	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Food markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Food preparation	P	P	P	—	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	L17 P	P	—	—	See § 1419-16
Laboratories, commercial	—	P	P	—	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	—	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	—	
Medical services and clinics	—	P	P	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	—	P	P	C	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	P	P	P	—	
Personal services	—	L5	L5	—	
Private vehicular storage lot	—	—	P	—	
Recreation and entertainment					
Indoor or small-scale	—	P	P	—	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	C	—	—	
Retail sales	—	L5	L5	—	

Sexually oriented business	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-25
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	L2	L2	—	
Car wash	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-27
Automobile holding facility	—	—	L4	—	
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	P	P	P	P	
General	—	—	P	P	
Intensive high-impact	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-19
Limited	P	P	P	P	
Research and development	P	P	P	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Contractor's storage	—	C	P	—	
Indoor storage	—	P	P	—	
Oil and gas storage	—	—	C	C	
Outdoor storage	—	—	C	C	
Metal waste salvage yard/junk yards	—	—	C	C	
Waste management					

Waste collection	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-31
Waste disposal	—	—	C	C	
Waste transfer	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-31
Wholesaling and distribution	P	P	P	P	
Transportation, communication and utilities					
Communications facilities	P	P	P	—	
Public utility distribution system	—	P	P	P	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	P	P	P	
Public utility plant	—	C	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	P	P	—	
Transportation facilities					
Airports	—	L6	—	—	
Heliports	—	L6	L6	L6	
Railroad train yards	—	L7	L7	L7	
Railroad right-of-way	—	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	P	P	P	
Truck terminal and warehouse	—	—	L7	L7	
Wireless communication antenna	L13	L8	L8	L8	
Wireless communication tower	—	C	C	C	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422

Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Mining and quarrying	—	—	C	C	
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	
Refuse storage area	L12	L12	L12	L12	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Commercial vehicle parking	L14	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Composting facilities	P	—	—	—	See § 1421-37
Home occupation	P	—	—	—	See § 1419-17
Rooming unit	L15	—	—	—	
Retail Sales	L16	—	—	—	
Portable Storage Containers	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 New residential is permitted only when abutting an existing residential use or structure.
- L2 Permitted on arterial street only. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L3 Permitted only as an accessory use to a use allowed in the district.
- L4 The facility must be completely enclosed on all sides with a six foot screen fence which is protected from damage by a guardrail or other barriers approved by the Zoning Administrator. Must be located at least 100 feet from a residential district.
- L5 Permitted only if occupying less than 5,000 sq. ft. in ML and 10,000 sq. ft. in MG.

- L6 Landing strip, pad, or apron may not be located within 500 ft. of a residential district boundary.
- L7 Not allowed within 250 ft. of a residential use in a Residential District.
- L8 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public or semi-public, public utility, a commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L9 Fencing a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L10 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L11 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L12 Provisions of § 1421-35 apply when refuse storage.
- L13 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to an agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L14 One commercial vehicle may be parked or stored on residential property with the following provisions:
 - a. Commercial vehicles with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked may not exceed two tons in capacity.
 - b. Recreational vehicles, watercraft and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L15 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L16 Retail sales of products manufactured or wholesaled on the premises, when incidental and subordinate to a principal permitted use, provided that the floor area devoted to such retailing shall not exceed 35 percent of the floor area devoted to such principal use, but in no case shall the retail floor area exceed 5,000 square feet.

Section 6. That Section 1422-05, "Development Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-05. - Development Regulations.

- (a) *Agricultural Structures and Uses.* Agricultural Structures must be located, developed and operated in compliance with the following:

- (1) *Permanent Agricultural Structures.* Permanent Agricultural Structures exceeding 200 square feet require a building permit.
- (2) *Animal Keeping Structures.* Agricultural Structures, including fences and walls, used for animal keeping must comply with both the requirements established below and per Schedule 1422-05.
- (3) *Agricultural Structures in Non-Residential Districts.* In non-residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the principal and accessory structure standards of the zoning district.
- (4) *Agricultural Structures in Residential Districts.* In residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the standards of §1421-01, "Accessory Residential Structures," and §1421-05, "Accessory Structures on Corner Lots."
- (5) *Agricultural Structures on Lots Containing No Principal Structure or Dwelling in Residential Districts.*
 - (i) *Required Rear Yard Location.* In residential districts, where a parcel contains no dwelling or principal structure, Agricultural Structures must be located to the rear of the line determined by rear yard averaging of the adjoining parcels principal structures.
- (6) *Temporary Agricultural Structures.* Temporary structures, particularly greenhouse and membrane structures, shall be regulated as identified below.
 - (i) Temporary Agricultural Structures less than four (4) ft. in height, and of minimum structural character; the maximum area requirement is no greater than the minimum yard setback requirements.
 - (ii) Temporary Agricultural Structures greater than four (4) ft. in height, shall be regulated as follows:
 - (A) Structures shall comply with Chapter 3103 of the Ohio Basic Building Code and are limited to 400 sq. ft. in area with 12 ft. spacing between structures.
 - (B) Structures meeting any of the following requirements, shall submit for appropriate building permits: Structures greater than 400 sq. ft. in area; Structures proposed to remain for greater 180 days
- (7) *Fences and Walls.* Fences and walls must comply with §1421-33.
- (b) *Animal Keeping.* The provisions set forth herein and in Schedule ~~1422-05~~ 1425-05 below prescribe the development regulations governing minimum area size, containment, and setback and maintenance requirements for animal keeping.
 - (1) *Maximum Number of Categories/Species of Animals.*

- (i) Keeping more than two categories/species of animals requires a cumulative minimum land area based on the requirements for each category/species as set forth in Schedule 1422-05. This provision does not apply to dogs, cats, common indoor household pets, and bees.
 - (ii) Exceeding the maximum number of categories/species of animals requires Conditional Use approval.
- (2) *Animal Keeping Shelter Structure Requirements.* Animal Keeping Shelter Structures shall:
- (i) Provide adequate protection from the elements and predators;
 - (ii) Provide thorough ventilation;
 - (iii) Be designed to be readily accessed and cleaned; and,
 - (iv) Provide access for fowl, rabbits, and other small animals to an outdoor enclosure adequately bounded to prevent escape or access by predators.
- (3) *Animal Keeping Enclosures.* Animal keeping enclosures should be of sufficient height and durability to contain the species of animal.

Schedule 1422-05: Animal Keeping Requirements

Animal Category/ Species	Adult Animals Permitted Per Lot Area	Containment Required	Shelter Structure Requirements	Location and Minimum Setbacks for Shelter Structures, Feeders, and Water Stations
Bees	Minimum 2,500 square feet per apiary.	Yes, with a 6-foot flyway screen (fence or hedge) within three feet of any hive entry is required, unless the apiary is more than 150 feet from all property lines.	A maximum two Apiaries of 30 cubic feet per 10,000 square feet.	Apiaries may be located on the ground or on rooftops. Apiaries shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and 25 feet from the nearest inhabited structure when a flyway screen is provided.

				<p>Apiaries located on rooftops shall be setback a minimum of six feet from the edge of roof.</p> <p>Bee warning or notice signs shall be placed at property lines per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture rules and regulations.</p>
Chickens, Ducks, Quail, Doves, and other Smaller Birds	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.</p> <p>1 rooster permitted per every 15 hens.</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p> <p>More than 1 rooster requires tethering. Roosters must be kept a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Rabbits	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots.</p> <p>A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.

	20,000 square feet.			
Geese, Turkeys, and other Medium-Sized Birds	4 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 8 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 16 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.	A minimum of 6 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Dehorned Goats and Sheep	2 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 4 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots, A maximum of 8 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, with a minimum of a 5-foot setback from property lines. No temporary or permanent structures are permitted within 10 feet of a fence that would enable an animal to climb or jump over a fence.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Swine	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 20 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 30 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Horses and Cattle and like-size animals	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Alpacas and Llamas	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Ostriches, Emus, and other Large Birds	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Section 7. That Section 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-07. – Maintenance and Storage.

(a) *Site Maintenance.*

- (1) The owner of the property on which a Garden, Farm or Animal Keeping Facility is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.
- (2) The site shall be designed and maintained to prevent any chemical, pesticide, fertilizer, or other waste from draining onto adjacent property.
- (3) Cultivated areas shall not encroach onto adjacent properties.
- (4) The site must be maintained free of high grass, weeds, or other debris.
- (5) Dead plant growth must be sufficiently trimmed to no higher than six inches above the ground, composted, or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.
- (6) The property must be kept free of refuse.

(b) *Maintenance and Care of Animal Keeping Facility*

- (1) In general, all Animal Keeping facilities shall provide a constant supply of water and food for all animals, store food in a rodent and predator proof containers, be maintained to be free from odor, prevent the breeding of flies, pests or vermin, properly dispose of animal waste, and prevent animal waste discharge into the stormwater conveyance system.
- (2) All areas and structures utilized for the raising of animals shall comply with the standards prescribed by the Cincinnati Board of Health Regulations, as well as other applicable local and state law.

(c) *Equipment and Material Storage*

- (1) Use of large-scale agricultural equipment such as tractors, tillers, or other machinery equal to or exceeding the size of an economy automobile is prohibited on property not qualifying as a Farm as defined in §1401-01.F3 ~~§1422-03-F1~~. Such equipment must be completely enclosed in an Agricultural or Principal Structure when not in use.
 - (2) Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed from the property daily. Pesticides and fertilizers stored on the property shall be contained in a locked storage structure and must comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.
 - (3) Bulk supplies and water tanks must be stored to the rear of the lot must not create visual blight or offensive odors.
 - (4) Refuse storage is prohibited in any required front yard, street side yard, or required parking or landscape area. Refuse storage must comply with §1421-35.
- (d) *Accessory Composting.*
- (1) *Area.* Composting activities using less than 500 square feet of land and considered accessory to a residential or agricultural use are defined as "Accessory Composting."
 - (2) *Setbacks and Location.*
 - (i) Maximum distance of 30 feet from the rear lot line; and
 - (ii) Minimum 10 feet from side and rear lot lines; and
 - (iii) Minimum 10 feet from all Principal Structures; and
 - (iv) Minimum 5 feet from any Accessory Structures; and
 - (v) Minimum 20 feet from any natural watercourse or wetland.
 - (vi) Minimum 50 feet from any private water supply system.
 - (3) *Management.* Compost may only consist of plant derived materials. Management of Accessory Composting shall comply with all applicable Cincinnati Board of Health regulations.
 - (4) *Enclosure.* Accessory Composting shall be contained and managed per best practices within an appropriate enclosure, container or structure.
- (e) *Vehicular Storage, Parking and Egress.*
- (1) In residential districts, one commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot subject to the limitations found in §1403-05-L6 and §1405-05-L11.

- (2) On lots that do not contain a dwelling, commercial vehicles and trailers may be temporarily parked on the lot beyond the front yard for a period not to exceed 24 hours per week.
- (3) Vehicles parked onsite shall comply with parking requirements of Chapter 1425. Additional onsite parking may be required per §1425-19 when commercial sales or employees are proposed as part of the agricultural use.

Section 8. That Section 1425-19, “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1425-19. – Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements.

Off-street parking and loading requirements must be provided in accordance with Schedules 1425-19-A and 1425-19-B. Unless a use is specifically noted under the appropriate use classification heading, the parking and loading requirements apply uniformly to all uses within a use classification. Off-street parking and loading requirements for uses in the DD Districts are subject to the provisions of Chapter 1411, Downtown Development Districts.

Off-street parking and loading facilities must be made permanently available to the use served. Where the use is undetermined or the parking requirement is not established in Schedule 1425-19-A, the Zoning Administrator must determine the probable use and number of spaces required.

Commercial uses located in Commercial, Office, and Manufacturing zoning districts are entitled to an exemption from the parking requirements as follows:

- (a) *Commercial Uses in the CN-P and CC-P Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements.
- (b) *Commercial Uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements. New commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.
- (c) *Commercial Uses in the CC-A, CG-A, MG and RF-M Zoning Districts.* Commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.

Schedule 1425-19-A: Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements

Use Classifications	Required Parking (Sq. Ft. of Floor Area)	Loading User Group

Residential Uses		
Bed and breakfast home	2 for every dwelling, plus 1 for every guest room	
Child day care home	No additional spaces required	
Group residential	1 for every 2 residents	
Permanent residential		
Single-family		
SF-4, SF-6, SF-10, SF-20	2 for every unit	
SF-2, RM, O, C, M, UM, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Attached single-family	1 for every unit	
Rowhouse single-family	1 for every unit	
Two-family	1 for every unit	
Multi-family		
<u>RMX</u> , RM2.0, RM1.2,	1.5 for every unit	

OL		
RM0.7, OG, C, UM, M, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Residential care facilities		
Assisted living	1 for every 4 residents	
Developmental disability dwelling	1 for every 4 residents	
Nursing home	1 for every 4 residents	
Special assistance shelters	1 for every 3 employees plus 1 for every facility vehicle	
Transitional housing	1 for every facility plus 1 for every 8 beds	
Public and Semi Public Uses		
Cemeteries	None	
Day care center	2 for every facility, plus 1 for every 8 clients	
Clubs and lodges	1 for every 100 sq.	3

	ft.	
Colleges, public or private	1 for every 3 auditorium seats plus 1 for every 5 classroom seats	3
Community service facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft.	
Cultural institutions	1 for every 500 sq. ft. or 1 for every 8 seats, whichever is greater	3
Government facilities and offices		
Facilities and installations	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	1
Correctional institutions	1 for every 20 beds	1
Offices	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	1
Hospitals	1 for every bed	3
Parks and recreation facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft. of indoor area	
Public maintenance facilities	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Public safety facilities	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Religious assembly	1 for every 30 sq. ft. in principal assembly area	
School, public or private	High School: 1 for every 10 classroom seats	3
	Elementary School: 1 for every 30 classroom seats	3
Commercial Uses		
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses in the CN-P and the CC-P districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
New commercial uses in the CC-M, CC-A, CG-A, OL, OG, IR, RF-C, ML, MG and RF-M districts.	As required below.	

New and existing commercial uses in the CC-A and CG-A districts.	As required below.	
Ambulance services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Animal services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Banks and financial institutions	1 for every 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area of the first floor area, plus 1 for every 250 sq. ft. of gross floor area of any other floors	2
Bed and breakfast inns	1 for every facility plus 1 for every guest room	
Building materials and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	4
Building maintenance services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Business services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Commercial meeting facility	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	3
Eating and drinking establishments		

Drinking establishments	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, full service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, limited service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Food markets	1 for every 150 sq. ft. where it exceeds 2,000 sq. ft.	1
Food preparation	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	
Funeral and interment services	1 for every 50 sq. ft. used for assembly	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Hotels and commercial lodging	1 for every guest room	3
Loft dwelling units	1 for every unit	
Laboratories, commercial	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Maintenance and repair services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Medical services and	1 for every 150 sq.	

clinics	ft.	
Offices	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	2
Personal services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Personal instructional services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Recreation and entertainment		
Indoor and small scale		
Fitness centers, gyms, handball, racquetball or tennis clubs, ice or roller rinks, miniature golf courses	1 for every 350 sq. ft.	
Billiard parlors, poolrooms	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Bingo parlors, amusement arcades	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Movie theater (three or less screens)	1 for every 5 seats	
Bowling centers	5 for every bowling lane	
Outdoor or large scale		

Sports stadiums and arenas, movie theaters (4 or more screens), racetracks	1 for every 5 seats	
Amusement and theme parks, driving ranges, swimming or wave pools, entertainment complexes, drive-in theaters, archery or shooting ranges, riding stables, campgrounds	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Retail sales	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	1
Sexually oriented business	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Vehicle and equipment services		
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	1 for every 400 sq. ft. of office sales or rental area	
Car wash	See §1419-11	
Fuel sales	None	
Vehicle repair	2 for every service bay or 1 for every 250 sq. ft., whichever is greater	

Automobile holding facilities	None	
Industrial Uses		
Production industry	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Research and development	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	2
Warehousing and storage		
Contractor's storage	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Indoor storage	4 spaces	
Waste management	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Wholesaling and distribution	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses		
Communications facilities	1 for every 600 sq. ft. plus 1 for every 3 auditorium seats	2
Public utility distribution system	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public utility	1 for every 1,000	

maintenance yard	sq. ft.	
Public utility plant	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public vehicle operations and service	1 for every employee plus 1 for every taxi and/or limousine	
Transportation facilities		
Airports	1 for every 250 sq. ft of terminal building	1
Heliports	None	
Railroad train yards	None	
Railroad right-of-way	None	
Transportation passenger terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Truck terminal and warehouse	0—100,000 sq. ft: 1 for every 2,000 feet	4
	Over 100,000: 1 for every 4,000 sq. ft. over 100,000 sq. ft.	4
Watercraft and riverfront facilities		

Barge terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Boat and ship yards	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Commercial piers and ports	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Marinas	1 for every two berths	
Marine sales and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses		
Farming	1 for every site	
Mining and quarrying	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Schedule 1425-19-B: Loading User Group Classification

Group	Requirement
Group 1	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—24,999 sq. ft.	1 space

25,000—49,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
50,000—99,999 sq. ft.	3 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft. in excess of 100,000 sq. ft.
Group 2	
0—29,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
30,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000—499,000 sq. ft.	1 additional space for every 100,000
500,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for every 500,000
Group 3	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft.

Group 4	
0—4,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
5,000—39,999 sq. ft.	1 space
40,000—99,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 in excess of 100,000

Section 9. That Section 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-07. - Applications Subject to Review.

- (a) The Zoning Administrator has the duty to review the following permits in an established Urban Design Overlay District for compliance with the base requirements of the district.
 - (1) *Signs*: Permits for the installation of all signs.
 - (2) *Awnings*: Permits for the installation of all awnings.
 - (3) *Mechanical Equipment and Utilities*: Permits for the installation of all exterior mechanical equipment and utility service connections.
 - (4) *Replacement Windows*: Permits for the installation of replacement windows.
 - (5) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures*: Permits for exterior renovations, alterations, or additions.
 - (6) *Eating and Drinking Establishments*: Permits for Restaurants, Limited.
- (b) The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall approve, approve with conditions or disapprove an application for the following types of development in an established Urban Design Overlay District in accordance with the base requirements of the district.
 - (1) New construction: Permits for new construction.

(2) Demolition: Permits for demolition.

(c) The City Planning Commission is authorized to exercise the powers granted to the Zoning Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1437 when an application is submitted in connection with an application to subdivide land.

(d) The Director of Buildings and Inspections is authorized to order the demolition of a building located in an established Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if he or she finds that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Section 10. That Section 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-09. – Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts.

Development within individual UD Overlay Districts must comply with the standards prescribed below that the ordinance that establishes the UD Overlay District declares applicable to that district. These standards are intended to implement policies in adopted urban design plans. Whenever the standards conflict with the development regulations of the underlying district, these standards supersede those regulations. The following regulations will apply to some or all of the UD Overlay Districts as determined by the urban design plan prepared and adopted for each district. Refer to Schedule 1437-09 for applicability.

Urban Design District Standards

Schedule 1437-09

	UD #1	UD #2	UD #3	UD #4	UD #5	UD #6	UD #7	UD #8	UD #9	UD #10	UD #11	UD #12	UD #13	UD #14	UD #15
S1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

S4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E1		X	X	X	X		X				X				
F1		X													X
N1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
N2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

UD #1 - College Hill Business District	UD #9 - Mt. Airy Business District
UD #2 - Clifton Business District	UD #10 - Columbia-Tusculum Business District
UD #3 - Hartwell Business District	UD #11 - Hyde Park East Business District
UD #4 - Hyde Park Square Business District	UD #12 - Mt. Lookout Square
UD #5 - Oakley Square Business District	UD #13 - Pleasant Ridge Business District
UD #6 - University Village Business District	UD #14 - Kennedy Heights Business District
UD #7 - North Avondale Along Reading Road	UD #15 - Roselawn Business District
UD #8 - Mt. Washington Business District	

(a) *Signs and Signage Standards:*

S1. Prohibited Signs:

- All blinking, flashing, rotating or moving signs, except barber poles and theater marquees;
- Neon signs;
- Banners, portable or temporary signs;
- Rooftop signs, signs or awnings extending above the roofline of the building, or signs or awnings that extend above the window sill line of the second floor of the building;
- Any advertising sign on or about an unoccupied building, except those related to the sale or rental of that building;
- All signs, handbills, or flyers on utility poles, except those installed by the city and state.
- All outdoor advertising signs, as that term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 895.

S2. Projecting Signs

- Projecting signs shall not be used except for small identification or trademark signs symbolic of the business identified.

- The copy of all signs should identify the predominant business on the premises or its principal product or service.
- Advertising signs are prohibited.
- Projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face and shall not exceed 12 square feet for all faces.
- Projecting signs should be located over entry doors or building columns or piers and shall be limited to one projecting sign per business.
- All sign supports shall be simple in nature, have no visible guy wires and be made less obtrusive with camouflaging color in harmony with the surrounding environment.

S3. In the case where buildings have multiple storefronts occupied by different tenants, the allowable signage area for each tenant will be calculated based upon the storefront street frontage in order to maintain a proportional distribution of signage area.

S4. For businesses located within an interior portion of a building, or on the second floor or higher story of a building and lacking an exterior wall or window area, a sign identifying the business no larger than six square feet may be affixed to the exterior of the building. This sign area shall be included in the maximum allowable area for all signs on the property.

S5. Ground signs: where permitted, ground signs shall meet the following standards:

- Ground signs shall be a maximum sign area of not more than one square foot of sign area per linear foot of street frontage per sign face, up to a maximum sign area of 30 square feet per face, or 60 square feet for all sign faces.
- Ground signs shall be limited to two sign faces and shall not exceed six feet in height.
- Ground signs shall be located at or near the primary street frontage.
- Ground signs shall be compatible with the design of the building in proportion, shape, scale, materials, colors, and lighting.

(b) *Awning Standards:*

A1. Awnings shall meet the following standards:

- Awnings shall project no more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk or six feet, whichever is less.
- Awnings shall run parallel to the face of the building.

- Awnings shall be located within the existing building framework - between columns and below spandrel panels. Awning colors and design shall be compatible with the colors and design of the building.
- Structural supports for all awnings shall be contained within the awning covering.
- Each storefront bay shall have a similar awning to the other storefront bays on the same building.
- Awnings shall be designed to be harmonious with the architecture of the building that they are to be placed on. They shall relate in shape and proportion to the building's architectural elements such as window and opening shapes, facade articulation and general character of the building.

(c) *Mechanical Equipment and Utility Standards:*

- M1. Mechanical equipment, including air conditioning, piping, ducts, and conduits external to the building shall be concealed from view from adjacent buildings or street level by grills, screens or other enclosures. Electric and other utility service connections shall be underground for new construction and encouraged for all other changes.

(d) *Replacement Window Standards:*

W1. Replacement windows shall meet the following standards:

- Replacement windows shall fit the size and style of the original openings.
- Original window and door openings shall not be enclosed or bricked-in on the street elevation. Where openings on the sides or rear of the building are to be closed, the infill materials shall match that of the wall and be recessed a maximum of three inches within the opening.

(e) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures:*

- R1. Renovations, alterations or additions shall be designed and executed in a manner that is sympathetic to the particular architectural character of the structure being worked on. Architectural elements shall be sensitively designed to reflect the detailing and materials associated with the particular style of the building.
- R2. Renovations and restorations of older buildings shall respect the original building design, including structure, use of materials and details. New materials or signs shall not cover original materials and detailing. Natural materials (brick, slate, glass, stone, etc.) shall be retained in their natural state and not covered with any other contemporary materials. Materials that are out of keeping with the historic character of the building shall be removed from the facade upon significant exterior renovation or restoration of the existing structure.

(f) *Eating and Drinking Establishments:*

E1. Restaurants, Limited shall meet the following standards:

- No more than 45 percent of their gross floor area may be devoted to food preparation, related activities and other space not accessible to the public;
- No more than 35 percent of the restaurant's sales by dollar volume are carry-out and the patrons are served with other than single-use utensils, plates and beverage containers.
- The consumption of food or beverage in automobiles parked upon the premises is prohibited.

(g) *Franchise Establishments:*

F1. New businesses should contribute to the desired mix of commercial activities; franchise type establishments are acceptable provided that they are primarily pedestrian and not automobile oriented.

(h) *New Construction:*

N1. New buildings shall be compatible with their surroundings. Architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale and form of new buildings and the space between and around buildings shall be consistent with the area, and should be in harmony with neighboring buildings.

- New buildings shall respond to the pattern of window placement in the district. The designs of new buildings shall avoid long unrelieved expanses of wall along the street by maintaining the rhythm of windows and structural bays in the district. The preferred pattern of ground floor windows is open show windows, with inset or recessed entryways; and landscaping, lighting and other amenities equivalent to those existing in the district.
- Buildings shall de-emphasize secondary rear or side door entrances to commercial space, unless the entrances are associated with public parking areas.

N2. The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall review and consider applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council ~~applicable Community Plans approved by City Council~~ when making decisions for projects in an Urban Design District.

- New buildings and Proposed uses shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and guidelines of the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council.

N3 At the request of an applicant, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may conduct a review of a new building or change in use of a property in two parts: (i) first, an initial review of schematic plans in which setbacks, structure and site improvement placement, massing, building envelope, and uses are considered; and (ii) second, a subsequent review in which final plans, materials, and designs are considered.

(i) *Demolition:*

D1. An existing building may only be demolished if the owner of the building, or a person authorized by the owner of the building, demonstrates that one of the following standards is met: ~~Demolition has been ordered by the Director of Buildings and Inspections for reasons of public health and safety and:~~

• The building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by weighing the following factors:

- (i) whether the building is identified as a contributing building or recommended for demolition by the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council;
- (ii) whether the building's architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, form, and setbacks are consistent with the predominant characteristics of the district;
- (iii) whether the building is iconic or specially associated with the district;
- (iv) whether the demolition of the building will negatively impact the district streetscape, and
- (v) whether the building is obsolete, damaged, in a state of disrepair, dilapidated, or unsanitary, and whether its condition was caused by the owner or his or her predecessors through deliberate action or willful neglect.

• The demolition of the building will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by evidence that the owner, or a person authorized by the owner, has:

- (i) obtained final approval to construct a new building or change the use of property pursuant to the requirements of subsection (h) above;
- (ii) obtained all building permit approvals necessary to commence the new construction or effect the change in use, and
- (iii) certified via affidavit or sworn testimony as to his or her intent to diligently pursue the construction of the new building or change in use if demolition of the building is approved.

• Prohibiting demolition of the building would impose economic hardship on its owner, which is determined by weighing the following factors:

- (i) whether the owner would be denied all economically viable use of the property if demolition is not approved;
- (ii) whether the owner’s reasonable-investment backed expectations may be maintained if demolition is not approved; and
- (iii) whether the owner’s actions created or exacerbated the alleged economic hardship.

- ~~• The existing building does not contribute to the architectural quality of the district;~~
- ~~• The demolition is necessary to accomplish the construction of a building which would meet the guidelines contained in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~• The demolition is necessary to provide parking and/or other uses in a manner specified in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~• The owner has endeavored in good faith to find a use for the structure and is unable to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the property; or~~
- ~~• Demolition has been ordered to remove blight.~~

Section 11. That Section 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.40 T3 Estate (T3E)

I. T3E Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3E</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 12. That Section 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.50 T3 Neighborhood (T3N)

I. T3N Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3N</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 13. That Section 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.60 T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF)

I. T4N.MF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>MF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 14. That Section 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF) T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.70 T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF)

I. T4N.SF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>SF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 15. That Section 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.80 T5 Main Street (T5MS)

I. T5MS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>MS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 16. That Section 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.90 T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS)

I. T5N.LS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>LS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 17. That Section 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS); T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.100 T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS)

I. T5N.SS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>SS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 18. That Section 1703-2.110(I), “T5 Flex (T5F) T5 Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.110 T5 Flex (T5F)

I. T5 Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T5F</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 19. That Section 1703-2.120, “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.120 T6 Core (T6C)

I. T6C Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Community Garden	1703-5.100.D	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 20. That Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

D. Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

1. **Required Spaces.** The minimum number of parking spaces required are listed in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). However, if the minimum number of parking space requirements are provided in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones) for the applicable transect zone and use, then those standards take precedence over the standards in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). When calculating the minimum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded up to the closest whole number.
2. **Maximum Number of Parking Spaces.** When calculating the maximum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded down to the closest whole number. The maximum number of off -street parking spaces shall be as follows:
 - a. For buildings with a footprint less than or equal to 60,000 gsf, 140 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces; and
 - b. For buildings with a footprint greater than 60,000 gsf, 125 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces.
 - c. The required minimum number of parking spaces shall be rounded ~~up or~~ down to the closest whole number.

Section 21. That Section 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Permanent Signs

1. Permanent Signs shall meet the standards set forth in Subsections 1703-5.80.K-V ~~1703-5.70.G-R~~.
2. The number of allowed permanent signs is set forth within the transect zone, see Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).
3. Permanent Signs require a building permit pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 1101-17.1.
4. Except where expressly prohibited, internal illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs in the following forms:
 - a. Individually illuminated letter and logo signs, including:
 1. Front-Lit Signs
 2. Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs
 3. Push Through Signs
 4. Open-Lit Signs
 - b. Internally illuminated logos shall not be permitted on Front-Lit Signs
5. External illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs.
6. Changeable copy signs are prohibited except as expressly permitted in this Section 5.80. Where permitted, changeable copy signs are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Changeable copy signs shall be limited to ground signs and wall signs only and shall not exceed 25% of the square footage of a sign's sign face area.
 - b. Changeable copy signs shall be programmed so that the message or image on the sign changes no more than every 10 seconds.
 - c. Effects of movement, flashing, scintillation, or similar effects in the individual images are prohibited.
 - d. Changes of images shall be substantially instantaneous as seen by the human eye and shall not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving, or similar effects as part of the change.
 - e. Video technology in signs shall use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy or other darkened conditions, in accordance with the following:
 1. All electronic or digital display unit message boards shall have installed ambient light monitors and shall at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic board based on ambient light conditions.

Section 22. That Section 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

L. Directory Sign

Description

The directory sign type is a wall mounted or freestanding sign provides a listing of establishments within a building or series of buildings, near entrances and parking locations.

Size		
Signable Area	6 sf max.	(A)
Location		
Height		(D)
Wall Mounted	8' max.	
Free Standing	3' max.	

*See Subsection 1703-5.80 (Pole/Monument Sign Type) for additional standards

Miscellaneous
~~May include the name of the business and business address. Shall not include any other words.~~

Section 23. That Section 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

O. Pole/Monument Sign

Description
 The pole/monument sign type encompasses a variety of signs that are not attached to a building and have an integral support structure. A pole sign, usually double-faced, is mounted on a single or pair of round poles, square tubes, or other fabricated members without any type of secondary support. A pole/monument sign stands directly on the ground or ground level foundation and is often used to mark a place of significance or the entrance to a location.

Size		
Signable Area	12 sf max.	(A)
Location		
Signs per Frontage	1 max.	
Height	8' max.	(B)
Width	8' max.	(C)

Miscellaneous
~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a weekly or daily basis.~~

Changeable copy pole/monument signs are not permitted in T5MS, T5N.LS, T5N.SS, T5F and T6C transect zones.

Section 24. That Section 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

S. Wall Sign

Description

The wall sign type is flat against the façade consisting of individual cut letters applied directly to the building, raised letters on a panel or painted directly on the surface of the building. Wall signs are placed above shopfronts and often run horizontally along the "expression line," entablature of traditional buildings, or decorative cornice or sign band at the top of the building. Wall signs shall not protrude beyond the roof line or cornice of a building.

Size

Signable Area

Area	1 sf per linear foot of shopfront width up to 80 sf max.	(A)
Width	Shopfront width, max.	(B)
Height	12" min.; 3' max.	(C)

Lettering

Width	75% of signable width, max.	(D)
Height	75% or 10" (whichever is lesser) of signable height max.	(E)

Location

Projection	8" max.
Signs per building	1 per establishment max.

Miscellaneous

~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a regular basis.~~

Changeable copy wall signs are permitted in all transect zones subject to individual transect zone regulations.

~~Wall signs shall not be internally illuminated.~~

Section 25. That Section 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

T. Wall Mural Sign

Description

The wall mural sign type is flat against a secondary facade, typically along a side street, alley, or paseo. These signs are typically painted directly on the building and contain a combination of text and graphic elements. These signs are intended to be visible from a greater distance and are accompanied by additional signage on the primary facade at the business entrance. Wall signs that do not provide signage for a business (artistic wall mural) are subject to approval by the Director. Billboards are not considered wall mural signs and are prohibited within the Form-Based Code areas. See Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 895 (Outdoor Advertising Signs) for additional regulations.

Size

Signable Area

Area	1000 sf max.	(A)
Width	60' max	(B)
Height	50' max.	(C)

Location

Height Above Ground	3' min.	(D)
Projection	8" max.	

Miscellaneous

Wall mural signs may only be externally illuminated.

Section 26. That Section 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-5.100. - Additional Standard for Specific Uses.

D. Urban Agriculture Community Gardens. ~~Shall comply with the following~~ The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1422 shall govern the establishment of urban agriculture uses permitted within in a transect zone, e.g., Animal Keeping, Farms, and Gardens.

~~**Table 1703-5.100.A: Community Gardens**~~

~~**Hours of Operation**~~

~~Community gardens shall not be used between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am~~

~~**Building Form Standards**~~

Building Height	15' max
Buildings or structures	800 sf max.
Number of Buildings or Enclosed Structures	2 max

Buildings and Structures Placement

~~Buildings and structures, including those for the storage of compost and refuse, shall comply with the building placement standards set forth for structures found in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).~~

Fencing and Walls

Height

Along Front or Side Street Lot Line 4' max.

Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other locations 6' max.

Opacity

Along Front or Side Street Lot Line 50% max.

Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other Locations 100% max.

~~Fences and walls shall not include electrified, barbed or razor wire.~~

Tools and Supplies

~~Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed on a daily basis.~~

~~Bulk supplies and water tanks shall not be store in required frontyard or sideyard setbacks.~~

~~Use of commercial or industrial farm equipment is prohibited.~~

Compost and Refuse

Area Dedicated to Composting 200 sf max.

~~Compost shall be stored in an enclosed screened fence or structure.~~

~~Composting shall be only of materials generated on-site.~~

~~Water that has come in to contact with compost shall be prevented from flowing onto adjacent properties, into natural or human-made storm channels or the public right of way.~~

~~Compost enclosure shall be maintained to prevent adverse environmental, health and safety impacts such as noise, odors, and the attraction of rodents or other pests onto adjacent properties.~~

~~All refuse storage areas shall be screened from ground level view from adjacent properties and public rights of way~~

Compost and/or Refuse Storage Area Setbacks

Front 10' min.

Side Street 10' min.

Side 3' min.

Rear _____ 3' min., 25' max.

Fertilizer and Pesticides

~~Fertilizer and pesticides shall be stored in a locked storage structure and shall comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.~~

~~Chemical, pesticide, fertilizer or other garden waste shall be prevented from draining onto adjacent sites or street right-of-ways.~~

Maintenance

~~The property owner of the site on which a community garden is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.~~

~~Property shall be maintained free of high grass, weeds or other debris.~~

~~Dead plant growth must be composted or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent cultivated areas from encroaching on to adjacent sites.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, other garden wastes or water that has come in contact with compost from draining onto adjacent lots.~~

Section 27. That Section 1703-8.50, "Relationship to Overlay Districts," of the Cincinnati

Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-8.50. - Relationship to Overlay Districts

A. ~~Transect zones may be established in certain overlay districts~~Overlay districts established by Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV may be applied to transect zones. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Form-Based Code and an overlay district, the conflict shall be resolved as follows following sets forth the legal effect of establishing a transect zone in each of the overlay districts contained in Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV—Cincinnati Zoning Code:

1. **Urban Design Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437).** ~~The provisions of the Form-Based Code shall apply and govern, and~~ The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437 shall be inoperative and of no effect where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
2. **Hillside Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 shall apply and govern where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
3. **Historic Asset (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435 ~~shall overlay a transect zone and shall apply and govern in all instances~~where in conflict with the Form-Based Code.

4. **Interim Development Control Overlay District (“IDC”) (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431).** The terms of ~~the an IDC established pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431 shall remain in effect and~~ shall apply and govern where in conflict with the Form-Based Code until the IDC expires or is repealed.

Section 28. That Section 1703-9.10(E), “E. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Definitions

Eave. The overhang at the lower edge of a roof.

Edison Bulbs. Reproduction light bulbs manufactured to have the appearance of the original light bulbs introduced by Thomas Edison. Typically, these are incandescent bulbs with filaments and lens shaped like the original bulbs.

Elevated Ground Floor. A ground floor situated above the grade plane at street-level.

Encroachment. Any architectural feature, structure or structural element, such as a gallery, fence, garden wall, porch, stoop, balcony, bay window, terrace or deck, that breaks the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, and extends into a setback, beyond the build-to-line, into the public frontage, or above a height limit.

Entry. An opening, such as a door, passage, or gate, that allows access to a building.

Entry, Service. An entry used for the delivery of goods and removal of refuse.

External Employee. An employee who does not reside at his or her place of employment.

Section 29. That Section 1703-9.10(F), “F. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

F. Definitions

Facade. The vertical surface of a building. **Facade Zone.** The area between the minimum and maximum setback lines.

Facility. An improvement, structure or building that is designed and used for a particular purpose.

Fence. A structure made of wire, wood, metal, masonry or other material, and typically used as a screen or enclosure for a yard or open space or as a divider along a lot line.

Finished Grade. The final ground elevation around a building after all earthwork has been completed.

Flex Space. A room or group of internally connected rooms designed to accommodate an evolution of use over time in response to an evolving market demand. Typically designed to accommodate future commercial uses, while accommodating less intense shortterm uses, such as residential or live/work, until the full commercial demand has been established.

Floorplate. An area measurement in square feet of either the gross or the rentable floor area of a typical floor in a building.

Floorplate, Commercial. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to commercial uses.

Floorplate, Residential. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to residential uses.

Footprint. The outline of the area of ground covered by a building or structure.

Footprint Area. The total square footage contained within a footprint.

Freestanding Wall. A wall that is separate from a building and supported by independent means.

Front-Lit Signs. Individual letters are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with internal illumination and a polycarbonate sign face allowing light to illuminate the individual letter faces from within.

Frontage. A strip or extent of land abutting a thoroughfare, civic space or other public right-of-way.

1. **Frontage, Private.** The area between the building facade and the shared lot line between the public right-of-way and the lot.

2. **Frontage, Public.** The area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the edge of the right-of-way.

Frontage Line. The lot lines fronting a thoroughfare or other public way, or a civic space.

Frontage Type. See Section 1703-4 (Specific to Frontage Types).

Furniture Area. An area of space that allows for the placement of furniture without restricting the movement of pedestrians.

Section 30. That Section 1703-9.10(H), "H. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

H. Definitions

Habitable Space. The portion of a building that is suitable for human occupancy.

Halo/ Reverse-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the sides (returns) and faces, being mounted away from the wall to project illumination onto the wall surface creating a halo effect. Letters or logos themselves are opaque and not illuminated.

Height, Building. See Subsection 1703-5.60 (Building Height).

Household. Up to four persons unrelated to each other by blood, marriage or legal adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit; or up to eight persons, other than foster parents and emp

Section 31. That Section 1703-9.10(N), “N. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code

is hereby amended as follows:

N. Definitions

Neighborhood Center. A development that provides a mix of civic, institutional and/or commercial uses.

Neon Signs. Electric signs lighted by luminous gas-discharge tubes that contain rarified neon or other gases. If true neon is substituted for LED arrays, the lumen-level of the LED array may not exceed that of traditional neon.

New Construction. New development in which permits were filed for on or after the effective date of this Code.

Non-Conforming Uses. A use of an improvement or a lot that was lawfully established prior to the effective date of the Ordinance and maintained since that time but does not conform with the regulations and standards established by the Ordinance and all subsequent amendments.

Section 32. That Section 1703-9.10(O), “O. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code

is hereby amended as follows:

O. Definitions

Open-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with a clear or open face. Illumination is provided within the sign and is exposed and visible from the front of the sign. These signs are typically designed with neon or Edison Bulb lighting.

Open Zone. A sub-zone within a transect zone that allows for a greater range of land uses without relaxing the building form standards of the zone.

Outdoor Advertising Sign. See Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 895.

Overhead Doors. Doors constructed in horizontally hinged sections that are equipped with hardware that rolls the sections into an overhead position clear of the opening.

Section 33. That Section 1703-9.10(P), "P. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

P. Definitions

Parapet. A low wall along the edge of a roof or the portion of a wall that extends above the roof line.

Parcel. See "Lot."

Parking Driveway Width. The horizontal dimension, measured perpendicular to the direction of travel, of a driveway. Passive Recreation. See "Recreation, Passive."

Path of Travel. A continuous, unobstructed pedestrian way.

Pedestrian Shed. An area centered on a major destination. Its size is measured by the average distance that may be traveled at an easy walking pace in a given amount of time from its center to its edge. Pedestrian sheds are useful for planning walkable areas. See Subsection 1703-6.30.B (Pedestrian Sheds).

Planting Strips. A landscaped or grassy area located between a street and a sidewalk.

Podium. A continuous projecting base or pedestal under a building.

Podium Tops. A flat, elevated and open area above a podium that can be used as common area.

Porch. A covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building.

Pre-Development Grade. The grade of a lot prior to any site improvements related to the proposed development.

Presumable Curb. The point at which the paved area of a street with no curb ends.

Property. See "Lot".

Public Use. A use undertaken by a political subdivision, its agents or assigns.

Push Through Signs. Letters or logos are routed out of a solid opaque surface and matching acrylic letters are pushed through the back of the sign to protrude from the surface.

Section 34. That existing Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations,"

1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703-2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses," 1703-5.110, 1703-5.120, "Temporary Uses," "Accessory Uses," 1703-8.50, "Administration and Procedures," 1703-9.10(E), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(F), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(H), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(N), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(O), "Definitions," and 1703-9.10(P), "Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 35. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strike through.



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Katherine Keough-Jurs
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Dear Katherine,

We are writing to you as representatives of the Cincinnati neighborhoods that have adopted Form Based Code (FBC). FBC has been active in our neighborhoods for several years now, and each neighborhood has become aware of certain errors or unintended consequences within FBC. We understand that City Planning and Zoning representatives have also come across some discrepancies within FBC that need addressing. Therefore, this letter serves as a formal request from these neighborhoods to the City Planning and Zoning Departments to review the FBC document for scrivener errors and clarifications.

In addition to review, this letter serves as a formal request for a text amendment addressing internally lit signage. As you are aware, FBC does not allow lit signage with few exceptions. The most effective/popular type of signage in a neighborhood business district, the internally lit blade sign, is one of those excluded. As our neighborhood business districts grow, we want to be supportive and welcoming to new businesses and remove as many barriers to opening and becoming successful as possible.

College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills and Westwood would like to begin a conversation with the City's Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Departments around scrivener errors, clarifications, and a text amendment addressing internally lit blade signs. We appreciate the City's willingness to work with neighborhood community councils and community development corporations to encourage growth and prosperity in our neighborhoods. We look forward to hearing back from you regarding next steps.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I am available at 513-415-2272 or emily@walnuthillsrf.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emily S. Ahouse', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Emily S. Ahouse
Executive Director
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation

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EXHIBIT C

Opposition to the Proposed Text Amendments-CPC Hearing August 20, 2021 August 10, 2021

Dear Members of the Cincinnati Planning Commission:

I am an architect working in the Pendleton Neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine. My comments are broken in to two sections:

Part 1: The proposed addition of Hotels and Commercial Lodging uses to Downtown Developments Subdistrict C

Part 2: The proposed new rules for Demolition in Urban Design Overlay Districts

Part 1

I am opposed to the proposal to permit the use of Hotels and Commercial Lodging on the property around the Casino - unless Parking would be required. Since this area is in the Parking Overlay District #1, as it stands - no parking would be required.

The casino area is directly across Reading Road from a dense residential area that has very scarce parking resources. We have seen from a recent 90-room hotel proposed on Central Parkway, by the Soccer stadium, that in OTR hotels may be proposed that do not providing parking.

Residents at this end of the Pendleton neighborhood are mostly low income, particularly in the E. 12th and 13th Streets blocks, from Broadway over to Reading Road. These residents rely on continued access to parking for access to good paying jobs throughout the region, groceries for families and more. Allowing hotels to be built across the street without providing parking will deprive the residents of nearby - safe parking, and will cause displacement of residents with limited resources.

The street parking in this area is full every evening and on weekends when workers have returned from work. These are same hours that hotels will need the most parking. See Photos beginning at next page.

In the walk shed calculated at a half-mile radius from the east end of East 12th Street, no off-street parking options exist—so where would current residents park if available street parking is taken by new hotel guests? Nearby parking and non-availability as of May 7, 2021:

- Hard Rock Casino Parking Garage
No monthly parking permits are sold nor offered for residents. The Casino only offers parking permits to businesses, and for Monday thru Friday at normal business hours. The remaining parking is for Casino Customers.
(per Yvonne (513-250-3384) accounting department at Hard Rock Casino)
- Ziegler Park Garage
\$105 per month, located one-half mile from Bennett Point, no reserved spaces, the garage is frequently full especially during weekends, evenings, special events. No reserved spaces even for monthly parking permit holders. (3CDC 513-621-4400)
- Olde Sycamore Square
All monthly lots are full (513-873-8001)

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Across Reading Rd.-500 Block of E. 12th St. (Zoned RM 0.7) narrow one lane for traffic frequently blocked by double-parked vehicles making drop-offs and pick-ups, causing traffic back-ups. Parking filled by current residents returning from work every evening into morning and on weekends.



Across Reading Rd.-500 Block of E. 13th St. (Zoned RM 0.7), wider two lanes of traffic. But parking still full as described above.

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According to the 2019 ACS Census estimates, the Pendleton neighborhood (Census tract 11) of OTR is an area of concentrated poverty, where 36.6% of residents live below the poverty line - this is 1.4 times the rate of poverty in Cincinnati and twice the rate of poverty in Hamilton County. Further, more than half of workers over age 16 drive to work. Cincinnati's public transit system is not adequate to connect workers to good jobs throughout the region, and the area's residents rely upon on-street parking. **The rate of poverty is greater at this end of Pendleton, than in the neighborhood at large.**

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/14000US39061001100-census-tract-11-hamilton-oh/>

According to the 2015 Regional Indicator's Report on Transit for the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, only 22.5% of this region's jobs can be reached by a ninety minute or less bus ride (page 5), and the greater Cincinnati region "trails its peer cities when it comes to funding, ridership and access..."

<https://media.bizj.us/view/img/7599552/transitstudy.pdf>

If hotels are allowed to be built around the casino without being required to provide parking, hardships will be created for property owners and renters, many of whom already have enough challenges. Many longtime residents are already being pushed out of the neighborhood due to loss of parking by a recent onslaught of developments being built to double the allowable density without the provision of parking to offset the increased demand. This is worsening social conditions and destabilizing the neighborhood.

Part 2

I have been following the fight of Mount Lookout residents against an oversized, out of scale and incompatible development being proposed near their square. Even though, in this Urban Design Overlay District, the development does not comply with the City-approved design guidelines and needed many variances, such as large hillside cuts and more, the City seems determined to approve the project and force it upon the community.

The proposed new rules for Demolition in Urban Design Overlay Districts are too lenient. The second path for demolition seems most egregious and subjective. Demolition of a contributing building would be allowed with the simple provision that a new contributing building would be built in its place. The problem is that "contributing building" is too vague and subjective. And we have seen over and over again throughout the City, that City officials are not upholding the approved design guidelines in UDOD's and Historic Districts. Over and over again large developers are being granted almost every Variance they request, and being given preferential treatment above the enacted guidelines and community opposition and concerns. This will be very dangerous for communities throughout the City that have worked so hard to preserve their unique appeal and character.

I respectfully urge the Members of the Planning Commission to deny approval for the proposed zoning text amendments until they can be more narrowly tailored, so as to avoid negative impacts on the communities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Avery Keely, RA

Honorable City Planning Commission
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 1, 2021

SUBJECT: A report and recommendation on proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1437-05, “Establishment of UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-11, “Approval,” 1437-13, “Appeal,” 1439-07, “Zoning Hearing Examiner,” and 1439-11, “Zoning Board of Appeals,” to provide greater clarity and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

EXHIBITS:

Provided in addition to this report are the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A Proposed Text Amendment Ordinance (B Version)
- Exhibit B Written Comment on B Version of Proposed Text Amendments
- Exhibit C Written Comment on A Version of Proposed Text Amendments
- Exhibit D Zoning Board of Appeals Information

BACKGROUND:

In February 2019, the Department of City Planning and Engagement received a written request from the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation on behalf of the four neighborhoods that adopted Form Based Code (FBC) (Exhibit B). The letter served as a formal request from College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills, and Westwood to begin conversations with the Department of City Planning and Engagement and the Department of Buildings and Inspections, specifically Zoning Administration and Urban Conservator’s Office, to address scrivener errors, clarifications, and internally illuminated signage in the Zoning Code and Land Development Code.

In addition to the above referenced and requested amendments, the City of Cincinnati conducted a review of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to identify related and necessary text amendments. During the review, additional text amendments were identified to add consistency between Chapter 1422, “Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping” of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code.” Additionally, proposed text amendments were identified related to the Urban Design Overlay District review standards since there has been an increase in applications for development in these districts, and there has been a need to add clarity to these standards and procedures.

On June 4, 2021, the City Planning Commission considered the Department of City Planning and Engagement’s recommendation to approve the proposed text amendments. During the meeting, there was concern raised by community members regarding the number of text amendments proposed and the amount of time given to community councils to review the proposed changes. Additional questions and comments were raised related to the proposed changes for the Urban Design Overlay District new construction and demolition review criteria and the role of the community councils in the decision-making process. Based on the discussion, the City Planning Commission held the item to allow for additional engagement between the Department of City Planning and Engagement, Law Department, Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Administration, and community representatives. The additional engagement is outlined in “Public Comment and Notification.”

On August 20, 2021, the City Planning Commission approved the proposed text amendments related to scrivener errors, clarifications, internally illuminated signage in the Form Based Code districts, and urban agricultural consistency between the Zoning Code and Land Development Code. However, the City Planning Commission did not consider proposed text amendments to the UDOT review standards. Due to feedback received at the June 4;

2021 City Planning Commission meeting and the public staff conferences, City staff modified the proposed UDOD text amendments. The modified proposed UDOD text amendments, included in the B Version of the proposed ordinance (Exhibit A), reflect feedback received from the community, while continuing to provide needed clarity to the UDOD standards and procedures.

PURPOSE OF URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICTS

The proposed text amendments are related to Urban Design Overlay District (UDOD) review standards. There are 15 UDODs in the City of Cincinnati. UDODs are located in neighborhood business districts. Section 1437-01, Specific Purposes, outlines the specific purposes of the Urban Design Overlay District:

- (a) Protect and enhance the physical character of selected business districts that have adopted Urban Design Plans;*
- (b) Prevent the deterioration of property and blighting conditions;*
- (c) Encourage private investment to improve and stimulate the economic vitality and social character of selected business districts; and*
- (d) Ensure that infill development does not adversely affect the physical character of the area.*

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Department of City Planning and Engagement, Department of Buildings and Inspections, and Law Department propose the following amendments to the Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code:

Section 9 – Section 1437-05 “Applications Subject to Review”

Overview: These proposed amendments add language that an urban design plan may include a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings within a business district. Additionally, they define the terms contributing building and non-contributing building.

Change Between A Version and B Version: There were no proposed amendments to this section in the A Version. Proposed amendments were made in the B Version to provide clarifying language for contributing and non-contributing buildings and outline an option by which community members can identify these buildings in their urban design plans.

Analysis: These proposed amendments define terms, contributing and non-contributing buildings, that are used in the evaluation of new construction and demolition in UDODs. The definitions provide City staff, applicants, community members, and the Zoning Board of Appeals with common terminology, increasing clarity and transparency during the application and review process. The definitions also help address the concern from community members that the A Version of the text amendment language was too broad. Additionally, the proposed amendments specifically name a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings as part of an urban design plan. Community members expressed wanting to be engaged in decisions regarding their neighborhood’s UDOD. Determining a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings, and working on urban design plans in general, is an important way community members can be engaged in providing input on their neighborhood’s UDOD.

Section 10 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”

Overview: These proposed amendments clarify that applications for new construction and demolition are subject to review by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, the proposed amendments add language to allow the Director of Buildings and Inspections to order demolition in an Urban Design Overlay District,

notwithstanding established criteria, if it is determined that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Change Between A Version and B Version: The B Version changes the reviewing body from the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The B Version also keeps the additional language from the A Version regarding the Director of Buildings and Inspections' ability to order demolition in the case of an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Analysis: The reviewing body was changed from the ZHE to the ZBA based on community feedback. Community members expressed that they wanted applications for new construction and demolition to be reviewed by a panel of individuals rather than one individual. The proposed amendment regarding demolition is necessary to establish an additional avenue of review for a demolition application in a UDOD. This proposed amendment ensures that development proposals and demolitions are in the best interest of the public and are consistent with purposes of the Zoning Code established by Section 1400-03.

Section 11 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay District”

Overview: The proposed text amendments address review criteria for new construction and demolition. Regarding new construction, the proposed amendments establish clarity in the review criteria for the ZBA when considering an application for new construction. Additionally, it established a two-step process for new construction review: (1) an initial review of schematic plans with building setbacks, building envelope, site improvement placements, and uses; and (2) final plans, materials, and design consideration.

Change Between A Version and B Version: The B version of the proposed text amendments changes the reviewing body for new construction and demolition applications from the ZHE to the ZBA. Additionally, the B Version removes the economic hardship criteria for demolition. The B Version keeps all other new construction and demolition criteria and clarification language from the A Version.

Analysis: The proposed text amendments add clarity to the review process and criteria for demolition and new construction. With the proposed two-step review process for new construction, the community gains an understanding and guarantee of the overall conceptual proposal for the site's development. Additionally, the applicant gains a level of understanding of the project's viability moving forward into next steps of site/building design development. This proposed language is similar to the established process for a Planned Development Concept Plan and Final Development Plan under Chapter 1429 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code.

Regarding demolition, the existing Zoning Code permits the ZHE to review demolition only if the Director of Buildings and Inspections orders the demolition for reasons of public health and safety, and the demolition meets five additional criteria. Under the existing language, buildings that do not contribute to the character of the district, but do not pose a threat to public health or safety are not able to be considered for demolition. The existing language has challenged implementation of developments that would contribute to the specific Urban Design Overlay District when the proposal requires the demolition of an existing architecturally noncontributing structure that does not pose a public health or risk to safety. The proposed text amendments related to demolition establish certain criteria that an applicant would need to demonstrate as part of an application for demolition. Under the proposed language, an applicant would need to demonstrate to the ZBA that the building that is proposed to be demolished meets one of the following requirements: (1) the building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by established review factors; or (2) the demolition will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by established review factors. In each case, it will be the burden of the applicant to demonstrate the case for demolition to the ZBA, which is a public hearing. The proposed language adds clarity, review

criteria, and consistency to demolitions in Urban Design Overlay Districts with the understanding that the demolition is intended to achieve the goals of the district and the neighborhood.

Section 12 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”

Overview: The proposed amendments modify language to explain that applications for new construction, demolition, or permits that do not conform to Section 1437-09, Development Standards in UD Overlay District, must be reviewed by the ZBA. The proposed amendments also outline the process by which the ZBA should review the application and issue the decision. It is proposed that the ZBA uses the same process and noticing as outlined in Chapter 1443, ZHE Procedures. Lastly, the proposed amendments authorize the ZBA to grant all forms of relief that the ZHE is authorized to grant, such as variances, conditional uses, and special exceptions, but is not authorized to grant a use variance from provisions in Chapter 1437.

Change Between A Version and B Version: There was no proposed amendment to this section in the A Version. The B Version includes these proposed amendments to respond to the change in the reviewing body from the ZHE to ZBA, providing clarity on noticing and process, as well as the type of relief that the ZBA is authorized to grant.

Analysis: The proposed amendments provide clarity on what applications in a UDOD must be reviewed by the ZBA. Since the reviewing body is proposed to be changed from the ZHE to the ZBA, the proposed amendments also explain that while the ZBA will review and make a decision on certain applications, the ZBA will follow the process and noticing requirements of ZHE which ensures that notice is sent to surrounding property owners within a specified radius. Additionally, the proposed amendments are necessary to outline the relief that the ZBA is authorized and not authorized to grant.

Section 13 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay District”

Overview: The proposed amendments remove the language regarding appeals to the ZHE and modifies language to clarify that any person with standing may appeal a ZBA final decision to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

Change Between A Version and B Version: There was no proposed amendment to this section in the A Version. The B Version includes proposed amendments to this section to respond to the change in the reviewing body from the ZHE to ZBA for development permissions in UDODs.

Analysis: These proposed amendments provide clarity on the appeals process for decisions on new construction and demolition applications in a UDOD. Currently, when the ZHE makes a decision, appeals can be made to the ZBA. However, since the reviewing body is proposed to be the ZBA, appeals to ZBA decisions must be made to the Court of Common Pleas.

Section 14 – Section 1437-07 “Applications Subject to Review”

Overview: The proposed amendment removes language permitting the ZHE to conduct hearings and make decisions on development permissions in UDODs.

Change Between A Version and B Version: There was no proposed amendment to this section in the A Version. The B Version includes this proposed amendment to respond to the change in the reviewing body from the ZHE to ZBA for development permissions in the UDODs.

Analysis: This proposed amendment removes the permission to review development permissions in UDODs from the ZHE since the reviewing body is proposed to be changed from the ZHE to the ZBA.

Section 15 – Section 1437-09 “Development Standards in UD Overlay District”

Overview: The proposed amendment language permits the ZBA to conduct hearings and make decisions on development permissions in the UDODs.

Change Between A Version and B Version: There was no proposed amendment to this section in the A Version. The B Version includes this proposed amendment to respond to the change in the reviewing body from the ZHE to ZBA for development permissions in the UDODs.

Analysis: This proposed amendment is necessary to permit the ZBA to conduct hearings and make decisions on development permissions in the UDOD as first introduced in Section 1437-07, Applications Subject to Review.

The proposed ordinance (B Version) is attached as Exhibit A.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTIFICATION:

Overview of Noticing and Public Meetings

Three virtual public staff conferences, in addition to a City Planning Commission meeting, have been held and noticed on this item. Notice was also sent for the October 1, 2021 City Planning Commission meeting.

Virtual Public Staff Conference #1 – May 24, 2021

The purpose of this meeting was to gather comment and input regarding the proposed text amendments. There were 15 community members in attendance representing various community councils, neighborhoods, community development corporations, property owners, and interested stakeholders. Representatives from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Administration, and Law Department were also in attendance.

City Planning Commission – June 4, 2021

During this meeting, City Planning Commission voted to hold the item for further engagement. See “Background” above for more information.

Virtual Public Staff Conference #2 – July 29, 2021

The purpose of this meeting was to gather additional comment and input regarding the proposed text amendments, as requested by the City Planning Commission. There were 26 community members in attendance representing various community councils, neighborhoods, community development corporations, property owners, and interested stakeholders. Representatives from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Administration, and Law Department were also in attendance.

Virtual Public Staff Conference #3 – September 15, 2021

The Department of City Planning and Engagement facilitated a third Virtual Public Staff Conference on September 15, 2021. The purpose of this meeting was to present the modified text amendments (the B Version), explain the differences between the A Version and B Version, and collect feedback from community members. Eight community members, including representatives from a few community councils, were in attendance, in addition to City staff from the Department of City Planning and Engagement, Department of Buildings and Inspections – Zoning Administration, and Law Department.

For each meeting, mailed and emailed notice was sent, at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, to the contacts of record that the City retains for community councils and community development corporations. Emailed notice was also sent to any individual who submitted written public comment on the item or who had attended a previous meeting on the item. In addition to the mailed and emailed notice, a webpage was created on the Department of City

Planning and Engagement’s website with information on the public meeting dates, background on the proposal, a summary of the modifications, and the draft ordinance highlighting each of the proposed amendments. The website was updated to provide additional clarity on the proposed amendments including concise summaries, maps, and links to all Zoning Code references. Fillable forms for comments and questions were also added to the website so comments could be submitted directly to Department of City Planning and Engagement staff. The link to this webpage was provided on the notice, along with a QR code to direct individuals directly to the webpage.

Overview of Public Comment and Written Public Comment

The following comments and concerns were raised during the first two virtual public staff conferences and the June 4, 2021 City Planning Commission meeting regarding the A Version of the text amendments. Any written comment on the A Version of the proposed text amendments received following the June 4, 2021 City Planning Commission are included as Exhibit B.

- There were concerns about the broadness of the language providing an increased opportunity for developers to demolish buildings. Some community members thought that the criteria were too lenient and would result in demolition of contributing buildings. Some had concerns specifically about the economic hardship criteria. The B Version removes the economic hardship criteria and provides specific definitions for contributing and non-contributing buildings.
- Zoning Hearing Examiner review: There were concerns about demolition and new construction requests being reviewed solely by the ZHE. Some community members expressed a desire to have a panel review the applications. This concern was addressed in the B Version by changing the reviewing body from the ZHE to the ZBA.
- Community engagement: Some community members voiced concern about the lack of required community engagement prior to an applicant submitting a demolition or new construction application. Additionally, community members expressed concerns about not having the ability to cross examine during ZHE hearings due to the legal costs associated with hiring legal representation and the cost of the appeals process.
- Urban Design Plans: Community representatives expressed that some UDODs do not have urban design plans and others have plans that are outdated. The Department of City Planning and Engagement will work with neighborhoods to update their plans and/or amend the plans to include a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings.
- Support for proposed amendments: Staff also received comments in support of the proposed amendments. Since the current Zoning Code language prevents an existing non-contributing building from being demolished, which could prevent development that is supported by certain communities and neighborhood groups in Urban Design Overlay Districts. These individuals indicated that the proposed language would allow an existing non-contributing building to be demolished and allow a development project to move forward that would contribute to that specific Urban Design Overlay District and neighborhood goals.

The following comments and concerns were raised during the third virtual public staff conference and/or in written public comment following the modifications of the proposed text amendments. These comments and concerns are related to the B Version of the proposed ordinance. Written comment on the B Version is included as Exhibit C.

- General appreciation that City staff listened to feedback and made modifications to the proposed text amendments
- Support for removal of economic hardship criteria
- Support for the proposed change in reviewing body from Zoning Hearing Examiner to Zoning Board of Appeals

- Process and timeline for urban design plan amendments: Some community members had questions about the process and timeline by which communities will update their plans to include a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings. The Department of City Planning and Engagement will work with communities on a process for these amendments.
- Reviews before urban design plan amendments are approved: Community members had questions and concerns about how an application would be reviewed in the interim period between the approval of the proposed text amendments and the approval of amendments to the urban design plans. In the interim, City staff and the ZBA can refer to the added definitions for contributing and non-contributing building. However, to address this concern, it is also recommended that the proposed text amendments not go into effect until six months following their approval by City Council to provide time for urban design plan amendments to be made.
- Lack of community engagement earlier in the application and review process
- Composition of the Zoning Board of Appeals: There were questions regarding the composition of the ZBA, specifically if any of the board members were representatives of community councils. City staff explained that the ZBA must contain “Two persons active in a community organization which is recognized by the council as a representative of a Cincinnati neighborhood.” To respond to additional questions about the ZBA, City staff prepared a one-pager with more information which is included as Exhibit D.
- Concern about demolition criteria: Some community members still had concerns about one part of the demolition criteria (Section 1437-07, D1, bullet point 2), which states that an existing building may be demolished if it is demonstrated that the demolition will facilitate the construction of a new building that will contribute to the physical character or economic vitality of the district. Some community members felt that these criteria did not protect contributing buildings adequately.

CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:

The proposed amendments to Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” are consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012), particularly within Goal 3 to “foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” (pg. 103), specifically the Strategy to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (pg. 111). The proposed amendments are intended to ensure transparency, consistency, and clarity in the Zoning Code, making development processes easier to understand for both the community and applicants.

CONCLUSIONS:

The goals of the proposed text amendments to these sections of Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” is to continue to build streamlined and cohesive development processes, and add transparency to City requirements and development procedures. Each of the proposed amendments will add clarity to City regulations for applicants, the general public, and City reviewing agencies for development proposals. These proposals are also consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012). The proposed ordinance (B Version) of the text amendments accomplish the goals above while being responsive to community feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of the Department of City Planning and Engagement recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following actions:

APPROVE the proposed text amendments to modify Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1437-05, “Establishment of UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD

Overlay Districts,” 1437-11, “Approval,” 1437-13, “Appeal,” 1439-07, “Zoning Hearing Examiner,” and 1439-11, “Zoning Board of Appeals,” to provide greater clarity and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

ADOPT the following condition to the approval above:

1. The text amendments to Sections 1437-05, “Establishment of UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-11, “Approval,” 1437-13, “Appeal,” 1439-07, “Zoning Hearing Examiner,” and 1439-11, “Zoning Board of Appeals,” shall take effect and be in force from and after six months from the date of City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Samantha McLean, AICP, Senior City Planner
Department of City Planning and Engagement

Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director
Department of City Planning and Engagement

EXHIBIT A

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MODIFYING Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” and Title XVII, “Land Development Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1409-07, “Land Use Regulations,” 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1413-05, “Land Use Regulations,” 1422-05, “Development Regulations,” 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” 1425-19, “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” 1437-05, “Establishment of UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-07, “Applications Subject to Review,” 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” 1437-11, “Approval,” 1437-13, “Appeal,” 1439-07, “Zoning Hearing Examiner,” 1439-11, “Zoning Board of Appeals,” 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate,” 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood,” 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint,” 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint,” 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street,” 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback,” 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback,” 1703-2.110, “T5 Flex,” 1703-2.120, “T6 Core,” 1703-5.50(D), “Parking,” 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” 1703-5.80(L), “Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,” and by **REPEALING** Sections 1401-01-C14, “Community Gardens,” 1419-41, “Community Gardens,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” and 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener’s errors in the City’s zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning and Engagement has recommended text amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code and the Land Development Code to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener’s errors within those codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the changes include providing greater clarity concerning the types of signs permitted in certain zoning code districts, correcting and clarifying code references related to the City’s urban agriculture land use regulations, refining the standards for the demolition of existing structures in Urban Design Overlay Districts, and certain other code refinements; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 4, 2021, the City Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendments and recommended their approval, finding them to be in the interest of the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, a committee of Council held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments following due and proper notice pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 111-1, and the committee approved the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the text amendments are in accordance with the Plan Cincinnati (2012) “Compete” goal to “build a streamlined and cohesive development process” (p. 111); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the proposed text amendments to be in the best interests of the City and the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 1401-01-A8, “Animal Keeping,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1401-01-A8. - Animal Keeping.

“Animal Keeping” means the keeping of any animals, including fish and insects, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, companionship, commercial breeding, and/or the raising for human consumption. Types of Animal Keeping may include:

- (a) *Apiary*. Any structure where one or more colonies or nuclei of bees are kept.
- (b) *Aquaculture*. The cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species.
- (c) *Aquaponics*. The combination of aquaculture and hydroponics to grow food or ornamental crops and aquatic species together in a recirculating system without any discharge or exchange of water.

Reference to § 1422-03(d), “Animal Keeping.”

Section 2. That Section 1403-05, “Land Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1403-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1403-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for SF Districts. Uses are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Uses not listed in the Schedule 1403-05 are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) “P” designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) “L” designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1403-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.

(c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1403-05: Use Regulations - Single-family Districts

Use Classifications	SF-20	SF-10	SF-6	SF-4	SF-2	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses						
Bed and breakfast home	—	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-09
Child day care home	L5	L5	L5	L5	L5	
	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	<u>L4</u>	
Group residential						
Convents and monasteries	C	C	C	C	C	
Fraternities and sororities	—	—	—	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	—	—	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	—	—	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	—	—	—	L4	L4	
				<u>L3</u>	<u>L3</u>	
Permanent residential						
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1403-11
Attached single-family dwelling	L14	L14	L14	P	P	See § 1403-11
	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>	<u>L13</u>			
Two-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Multi-family	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	

	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Residential care facilities						
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses						
Cemeteries	—	—	—	L1	L1	
Cultural institutions	—	—	C	C	C	
Park and recreation facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	L13	
	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	<u>L12</u>	
Public safety facilities	—	—	—	C	C	
Religious assembly	C	C	C	C	C	
School, public or private	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-12
Transportation, Communication and Utilities						
Public utility distribution system	C	C	C	C	C	
Wireless communication antenna	L2	L2	L2	L2	L2	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses						
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	C	C	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses						
Any accessory use not listed below	L9	L9	L9	L9	L9	
	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	<u>L8</u>	

Home Occupation	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-17
Commercial Vehicle Parking	L6	L6	L6	L6	L6	
	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>L5</u>	
Child day-care centers	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	L5,7	
	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	<u>L4,6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive Box	L8	L8	L8	L8	L8	
	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	<u>L7</u>	
Fences and walls	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-33
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Cemetery, incidental buildings and structures	—	—	—	L10	L10	
				<u>L9</u>	<u>L9</u>	
Rooming Unit	—	—	L11	L11	L11	
			<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses						See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only expansion of existing cemeteries allowed with a conditional use approval.
- L2 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may only be attached to a permitted agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L3 The minimum lot area for every resident is 800 square feet and the minimum living area for every resident is 250 square feet.
- L4 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.

- L5 One commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot with the following exceptions:
 - a. An unlimited number of commercial vehicles conveying the necessary tools, materials and equipment to a premises where labor using such tools, materials and equipment is to be performed during actual time of parking.
 - b. One commercial vehicle with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked not to exceed two tons in capacity.
 - c. Recreational vehicles, watercraft and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L6 Only if accessory to a public or semi-public use.
- L7 Accessory to a public or semi-public use, provided the drive-box is at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L8 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L9 Mausoleums, columbaria and other incidental buildings and structures within and accessory to cemeteries, may be no less than 100 feet from abutting properties in the residential district and may not exceed the height limitation for principal buildings of the district in which it is located.
- L10 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L11 This use must be legally established prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code. The use has the rights of Chapter 1447, Nonconforming Uses and Structures except for the provisions of § 1447-09 Expansion of Nonconforming Use and § 1447-11 Substitution of a Nonconforming Use.
- L12 Publicly owned or operated park and recreation facilities are permitted. All park and recreation facilities, private or non-profit, require a conditional use approval.
- L13 Attached single-family is only permitted as part of a cluster housing development. See § 1403-13.

Section 3. That Section 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1409-07. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1409-07 below prescribes the land use regulations for C Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1409-07 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1409-07. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1409-07: Use Regulations - Commercial Subdistricts

Use Classifications	CN-P	CN-M	CC-P	CC-M	CC-A	CG-A	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses							
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Day care home - Type A	L3	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	
Day care home - Type B	L3	L3	L3	L3	—	—	
Group residential							
Congregate housing	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Convents & monasteries	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Dormitories	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Fraternities & sororities	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Patient family homes	P	P	P	P	—	—	

Rooming houses	L1	L1	L1	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for elderly	P	P	P	P	—	—	
Permanent residential							
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	—	—	—	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Residential care facilities							
Assisted living	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Nursing home	P	P	P	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing							
Programs 1—4	P	P	P	L2	L2	—	
Program 5	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Program 6	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Public and Semipublic Uses							
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	—	—	—	C	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	P	P	

Day care center	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices							
Offices	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	—	—	—	—	—	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facilities	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses							
Ambulance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Animal service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	<u>See § 1419-05</u>
Banks and financial institutions	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Building maintenance services	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Building materials sales and services	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Business services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facility	—	—	—	P	P	P	

Eating and drinking establishments							
Convenience markets	L14 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Drinking establishments	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6, L13 <u>L9</u>	L6 <u>P</u>	P	P	P	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Food preparation	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	—	—	—	L5	L5	P	
Hotels and commercial lodging	—	—	—	P	P	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	

Medical services and clinics	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Offices	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	C	P	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Personal services	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Private vehicular storage lot	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment							
Indoor or small-scale	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	—	—	—	C	P	
Retail sales	L13 <u>L9</u>	L13 <u>L9</u>	P	P	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services							
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	—	—	C	L8 <u>L7</u>	P	
Car wash	—	—	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	P	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	—	C	P	P	See § 1419-27

Industrial Uses							
Production industry							
Artisan	C	C	C	C	P	P	
Limited	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Warehousing and storage							
Contractor storage	—	—	—	—	L5	L5	
Indoor storage	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses							
Communications facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Transportation facilities							
Heliports	—	—	—	—	C	C	
Railroad right-of-way	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	—	—	—	P	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	L7 L4	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	C	C	C	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses							

Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	C	C	C	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses							See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	L10	
	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	<u>L6</u>	
Refuse storage areas	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	L11	
	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>L10</u>	
Commercial vehicle parking	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Small-scale specialized incinerator	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	L12	
	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	<u>L11</u>	
Portable storage containers	P	P	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses							See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855. Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code; the maximum number of rooming units is five, and a separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-43.
- L2 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixeduse building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445, Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.

- L3 Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L4 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.
- L5 Permitted provided that outside storage is screened with an 8 ft. privacy fence.
- L6 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.
- L7 Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L8 Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed-use building; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L9 Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.
- L10 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L11 The material incinerated is generated on-site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.

Specific Limitations

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- ~~L2 — Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to the procedures and criteria of Chapter 1445, Variance, Special Exceptions, and Conditional Uses.~~
- ~~L3 — Fencing, a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.~~
- ~~L4 — Presentation of entertainment is not permitted in outdoor areas.~~
- ~~L5 — Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height required a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi family, public and semi-public, commercial or public utility building or structure.~~
- ~~L6 — Permitted on arterial streets with a maximum site size of two acres. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.~~
- ~~L7 — Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily~~

~~incidental to a use of the district are permitted except where expressly prohibited. All others require conditional use approval.~~

~~L8 — The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L9 — The material incinerated is generated on-site and is located on a roof or at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.~~

~~L10 — Use is limited to 15,000 square feet; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

~~L11 — Use is limited to 2,500 square feet and the use must be located within a mixed use building; more space requires conditional use approval.~~

Section 4. That Section 1411-05, “Land Use Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1411-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1411-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for DD Downtown Development Use Subdistricts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule ~~1411-05~~ ~~1413-05~~ are prohibited.

- (a) “P” designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
- (b) “L” designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1411-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) “C” designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the Conditional Use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.

Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions.

Schedule 1411-05: Use Regulations-Downtown Development Use Subdistricts

Use Classifications	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
Residential Uses					
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09
Day care home - Adult	P	P	P	P	

Day care home - Type A	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Day care home - Type B	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Fraternities and sororities	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Patient family homes	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Rooming houses	L2	L2	L2	L2	
Shared housing for elderly	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Single-family rowhouse	P	P	P	P	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Residential care facilities					
Assisted living	—	P	P	—	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Nursing home	—	P	P	—	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—5	P	P	P	P	

Program 6	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Public and Semipublic Uses					
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	P	P	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	
Day care center	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	P	P	P	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facility	—	P	P	P	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Animal service facilities	—	C	C	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	L3	L3	L3	L3	
ATM, stand-alone	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-07
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09

Building maintenance services	—	—	P	—	
Business services	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facilities	L4	L4	L4	L4	
Eating and drinking establishments					
Convenience markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Drinking establishments	P	P	P	P	
Restaurants, full service	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Food preparation	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	—	—	P	—	
Hotels and commercial lodging	P	P	<u>P</u> —	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L4	—	L4	L4	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	P	
Medical services and clinics	L4	P	L4	L4	
Offices	L4	P	L4	L4	
Parking facilities	L13	L13	L13	L13	See § 1411-25
Personal instructional services	L5	L5	P	L5	
Personal services	P	L6	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment					

Indoor or small-scale	L5	L5	P	L5	
Outdoor or large-scale	C	—	C	C	
Retail sales	P	L6	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	L7	—	L7	—	
Car wash	L7	L7	L7	L7	See § 1419-11
Vehicle repair	—	—	L8	—	See § 1419-27
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	—	—	P	P	
Limited	—	—	P	—	
Research and development	—	—	C	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Indoor storage	—	—	P	—	
Wholesaling and distribution	—	—	P	—	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities					
Communications facilities	P	—	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	L9	L9	L9	L9	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	—	C	—	
Public utility plant	C	—	C	—	
Transportation facilities					

Heliports	C	—	C	C	
Transportation passenger terminals	C	C	C	C	
Watercraft and riverfront facilities					
Commercial piers and ports	—	—	—	P	
Marinas	—	—	—	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L10	L10	L10	L10	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	—	See § 1419-33
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided in a mixed-use building.
- L2 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses, of the Municipal Code are allowed. A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-23.
- L3 Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
- L4 Not permitted as a principal ground floor use in locations indicated on Map 1411-17: Commercial Continuity Overlay.
- L5 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed-use building. Modification requires conditional use approval pursuant to Chapter 1445-Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- L6 Permitted on the ground floor only.

- L7 Permitted as a secondary use located within a parking garage.
- L8 Permitted only if the entire use and storage is within an enclosed structure.
- L9 The facility must be underground, within a building or on the roof within an enclosure.
- L10 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, public utility, commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L11 Programs may not exceed 50 resident occupants.
- L12 Fencing must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L13 See 1411-25.

Section 5. That Section 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1413-05. - Land Use Regulations.

Schedule 1413-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for M Manufacturing Districts. Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401: Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1413-05 below are prohibited.

The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1413-05. Except as otherwise indicated, modifications of a numerical, locational or dimensional limitation requires a variance under Chapter 1445 - Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the conditional use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations as indicated.

Schedule 1413-05: Use Regulations - Manufacturing Districts

Use Classifications	MA	ML	MG	ME	Additional Regulations
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Residential Uses					
Day care home—Adult	P	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type A	L9	—	—	—	
Day care home—Type B	L1	—	—	—	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	—	L1	—	—	
Fraternities and sororities	—	L1	—	—	
Patient family homes	—	L1	—	—	
Rooming houses	—	L1	—	—	
Shared housing for the elderly	P	L1	—	—	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	L1	—	—	See § 1403-13
Two-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Multi-family dwelling	—	L1	—	—	
Residential care facilities					
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	—	—	
Special assistance shelter	—	C	—	—	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1—4	—	P	P	—	
Programs 5, 6	—	—	P	—	

Public and Semipublic Uses					
Community service facilities	P	P	—	—	
Day care center	P	P	L3	—	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	—	—	C	—	
Facilities and installations	—	—	C	—	
Juvenile detention facilities	—	—	C	—	
Offices	P	P	P	—	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	—	—	
Public maintenance facilities	—	P	P	—	
Public safety facilities	C	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	—	—	
Schools, public or private	P	P	—	—	See § 1419-12
Commercial Uses					
Ambulance services	—	P	P	—	
Animal service facilities	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-05
Banks and financial institutions	—	P	P	—	
Building maintenance services	—	P	P	—	
Building materials sales and services	—	P	P	P	
Business services	—	P	P	—	
Eating and drinking establishments					

Convenience markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Drinking establishments	—	P	P	—	
Restaurants, full service	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	—	P	P	—	See § 1419-21
Food markets	—	L5	L5	—	
Food preparation	P	P	P	—	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	L17 P	P	—	—	<u>See § 1419-16</u>
Laboratories, commercial	—	P	P	—	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	—	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	—	
Medical services and clinics	—	P	P	—	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Parking facilities	—	P	P	C	See Chapter 1425
Personal instructional services	P	P	P	—	
Personal services	—	L5	L5	—	
Private vehicular storage lot	—	—	P	—	
Recreation and entertainment					
Indoor or small-scale	—	P	P	—	
Outdoor or large-scale	—	C	—	—	
Retail sales	—	L5	L5	—	

Sexually oriented business	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-25
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	—	L2	L2	—	
Car wash	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-11
Fuel sales	—	L3	P	—	See § 1419-15
Vehicle repair	—	—	P	—	See § 1419-27
Automobile holding facility	—	—	L4	—	
Industrial Uses					
Production industry					
Artisan	P	P	P	P	
General	—	—	P	P	
Intensive high-impact	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-19
Limited	P	P	P	P	
Research and development	P	P	P	—	
Warehousing and storage					
Contractor's storage	—	C	P	—	
Indoor storage	—	P	P	—	
Oil and gas storage	—	—	C	C	
Outdoor storage	—	—	C	C	
Metal waste salvage yard/junk yards	—	—	C	C	
Waste management					

Waste collection	—	P	P	P	See § 1419-31
Waste disposal	—	—	C	C	
Waste transfer	—	—	C	C	See § 1419-31
Wholesaling and distribution	P	P	P	P	
Transportation, communication and utilities					
Communications facilities	P	P	P	—	
Public utility distribution system	—	P	P	P	
Public utility maintenance yard	—	P	P	P	
Public utility plant	—	C	P	P	
Radio and television broadcast antenna	—	P	P	—	
Transportation facilities					
Airports	—	L6	—	—	
Heliports	—	L6	L6	L6	
Railroad train yards	—	L7	L7	L7	
Railroad right-of-way	—	P	P	P	
Transportation passenger terminals	—	P	P	P	
Truck terminal and warehouse	—	—	L7	L7	
Wireless communication antenna	L13	L8	L8	L8	
Wireless communication tower	—	C	C	C	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses					
Animal keeping	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422

Farms	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Gardens	P	P	P	P	See Chapter 1422
Mining and quarrying	—	—	C	C	
Accessory Uses					See Chapter 1421
Any accessory use not listed below	L10	L10	L10	L10	
Refuse storage area	L12	L12	L12	L12	See § 1421-35
Drive box	L11	L11	L11	L11	
Commercial vehicle parking	L14	P	P	P	
Exterior lighting	P	P	P	P	See § 1421-39
Composting facilities	P	—	—	—	See § 1421-37
Home occupation	P	—	—	—	See § 1419-17
Rooming unit	L15	—	—	—	
Retail Sales	L16	—	—	—	
Portable Storage Containers	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-24
Nonconforming Uses					See Chapter 1447

Specific Limitations

- L1 New residential is permitted only when abutting an existing residential use or structure.
- L2 Permitted on arterial street only. Vehicle loading and unloading must occur on-site.
- L3 Permitted only as an accessory use to a use allowed in the district.
- L4 The facility must be completely enclosed on all sides with a six-foot screen fence which is protected from damage by a guardrail or other barriers approved by the Zoning Administrator. Must be located at least 100 feet from a residential district.
- L5 Permitted only if occupying less than 5,000 sq. ft. in ML and 10,000 sq. ft. in MG.

- L6 Landing strip, pad, or apron may not be located within 500 ft. of a residential district boundary.
- L7 Not allowed within 250 ft. of a residential use in a Residential District.
- L8 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public or semi-public, public utility, a commercial or industrial building or structure.
- L9 Fencing a minimum of four feet in height must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.
- L10 Accessory uses determined by the Zoning Administrator to be customarily incidental to a use of the district are permitted. All others require conditional use approval.
- L11 The storage space is less than 30 cubic yards; enclosed by a screen fence or within a structure; and at least 100 feet from any property used for residential purposes.
- L12 Provisions of § 1421-35 apply when refuse storage.
- L13 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to an agricultural, public or semi-public or public utility building or structure.
- L14 One commercial vehicle may be parked or stored on residential property with the following provisions:
 - a. Commercial vehicles with current license owned by a resident of the residential property on which it is stored or parked may not exceed two tons in capacity.
 - b. Recreational vehicles, watercraft, and personal trailers may be parked on the lot beyond the front yard.
- L15 No more than two rooming units may be rented or leased in a single-family dwelling.
- L16 Retail sales of products manufactured or wholesaled on the premises, when incidental and subordinate to a principal permitted use, provided that the floor area devoted to such retailing shall not exceed 35 percent of the floor area devoted to such principal use, but in no case shall the retail floor area exceed 5,000 square feet.

Section 6. That Section 1422-05, "Development Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-05. - Development Regulations.

- (a) *Agricultural Structures and Uses.* Agricultural Structures must be located, developed and operated in compliance with the following:

- (1) *Permanent Agricultural Structures.* Permanent Agricultural Structures exceeding 200 square feet require a building permit.
- (2) *Animal Keeping Structures.* Agricultural Structures, including fences and walls, used for animal keeping must comply with both the requirements established below and per Schedule 1422-05.
- (3) *Agricultural Structures in Non-Residential Districts.* In non-residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the principal and accessory structure standards of the zoning district.
- (4) *Agricultural Structures in Residential Districts.* In residential zoning districts, Agricultural Structures not used for Animal Keeping are subject to the standards of §1421-01, "Accessory Residential Structures," and §1421-05, "Accessory Structures on Corner Lots."
- (5) *Agricultural Structures on Lots Containing No Principal Structure or Dwelling in Residential Districts.*
 - (i) *Required Rear Yard Location.* In residential districts, where a parcel contains no dwelling or principal structure, Agricultural Structures must be located to the rear of the line determined by rear yard averaging of the adjoining parcels principal structures.
- (6) *Temporary Agricultural Structures.* Temporary structures, particularly greenhouse and membrane structures, shall be regulated as identified below.
 - (i) Temporary Agricultural Structures less than four (4) ft. in height, and of minimum structural character; the maximum area requirement is no greater than the minimum yard setback requirements.
 - (ii) Temporary Agricultural Structures greater than four (4) ft. in height, shall be regulated as follows:
 - (A) Structures shall comply with Chapter 3103 of the Ohio Basic Building Code and are limited to 400 sq. ft. in area with 12 ft. spacing between structures.
 - (B) Structures meeting any of the following requirements, shall submit for appropriate building permits: Structures greater than 400 sq. ft. in area; Structures proposed to remain for greater 180 days
- (7) *Fences and Walls.* Fences and walls must comply with §1421-33.
- (b) *Animal Keeping.* The provisions set forth herein and in Schedule ~~1422-05~~ ~~1425-05~~ below prescribe the development regulations governing minimum area size, containment, and setback and maintenance requirements for animal keeping.
 - (1) *Maximum Number of Categories/Species of Animals.*

- (i) Keeping more than two categories/species of animals requires a cumulative minimum land area based on the requirements for each category/species as set forth in Schedule 1422-05. This provision does not apply to dogs, cats, common indoor household pets, and bees.
 - (ii) Exceeding the maximum number of categories/species of animals requires Conditional Use approval.
- (2) *Animal Keeping Shelter Structure Requirements.* Animal Keeping Shelter Structures shall:
- (i) Provide adequate protection from the elements and predators;
 - (ii) Provide thorough ventilation;
 - (iii) Be designed to be readily accessed and cleaned; and,
 - (iv) Provide access for fowl, rabbits, and other small animals to an outdoor enclosure adequately bounded to prevent escape or access by predators.
- (3) *Animal Keeping Enclosures.* Animal keeping enclosures should be of sufficient height and durability to contain the species of animal.

Schedule 1422-05: Animal Keeping Requirements

Animal Category/ Species	Adult Animals Permitted Per Lot Area	Containment Required	Shelter Structure Requirements	Location and Minimum Setbacks for Shelter Structures, Feeders, and Water Stations
Bees	Minimum 2,500 square feet per apiary.	Yes, with a 6-foot flyway screen (fence or hedge) within three feet of any hive entry is required, unless the apiary is more than 150 feet from all property lines.	A maximum two Apiaries of 30 cubic feet per 10,000 square feet.	Apiaries may be located on the ground or on rooftops. Apiaries shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and 25 feet from the nearest inhabited structure when a flyway screen is provided.

				<p>Apiaries located on rooftops shall be setback a minimum of six feet from the edge of roof.</p> <p>Bee warning or notice signs shall be placed at property lines per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture rules and regulations.</p>
Chickens, Ducks, Quail, Doves, and other Smaller Birds	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.</p> <p>1 rooster permitted per every 15 hens.</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p> <p>More than 1 rooster requires tethering. Roosters must be kept a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Rabbits	<p>6 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet.</p> <p>12 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots.</p> <p>A maximum of 24 permitted for lots exceeding</p>	<p>Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.</p>	A minimum of 4 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.

	20,000 square feet.			
Geese, Turkeys, and other Medium-Sized Birds	4 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 8 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots. A maximum of 16 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, if animals are permitted to range outside of a structure.	A minimum of 6 square feet per adult.	A setback of 10 feet from all property lines.
Dehorned Goats and Sheep	2 permitted for lots less than 10,000 square feet. 4 permitted for 10,000 to 20,000 square foot lots, A maximum of 8 permitted for lots exceeding 20,000 square feet.	Yes, with a minimum of a 5-foot setback from property lines. No temporary or permanent structures are permitted within 10 feet of a fence that would enable an animal to climb or jump over a fence.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Swine	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 20 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 30 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Horses and Cattle and like-size animals	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Alpacas and Llamas	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum 100 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.
Ostriches, Emus, and other Large Birds	A minimum of 20,000 square feet per adult; a maximum of 2.	Yes, with a setback of 5 feet from property lines.	A minimum of 20 square feet per adult.	A setback of 50 feet from all property lines.

Section 7. That Section 1422-07, “Maintenance and Storage,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1422-07. – Maintenance and Storage.

(a) *Site Maintenance.*

- (1) The owner of the property on which a Garden, Farm or Animal Keeping Facility is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.
- (2) The site shall be designed and maintained to prevent any chemical, pesticide, fertilizer, or other waste from draining onto adjacent property.
- (3) Cultivated areas shall not encroach onto adjacent properties.
- (4) The site must be maintained free of high grass, weeds, or other debris.
- (5) Dead plant growth must be sufficiently trimmed to no higher than six inches above the ground, composted, or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.
- (6) The property must be kept free of refuse.

(b) *Maintenance and Care of Animal Keeping Facility*

- (1) In general, all Animal Keeping facilities shall provide a constant supply of water and food for all animals, store food in a rodent and predator proof containers, be maintained to be free from odor, prevent the breeding of flies, pests or vermin, properly dispose of animal waste, and prevent animal waste discharge into the stormwater conveyance system.
- (2) All areas and structures utilized for the raising of animals shall comply with the standards prescribed by the Cincinnati Board of Health Regulations, as well as other applicable local and state law.

(c) *Equipment and Material Storage*

- (1) Use of large-scale agricultural equipment such as tractors, tillers, or other machinery equal to or exceeding the size of an economy automobile is prohibited on property not qualifying as a Farm as defined in §1401-01.F3 ~~§1422-03-F1~~. Such equipment must be completely enclosed in an Agricultural or Principal Structure when not in use.
 - (2) Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed from the property daily. Pesticides and fertilizers stored on the property shall be contained in a locked storage structure and must comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.
 - (3) Bulk supplies and water tanks must be stored to the rear of the lot must not create visual blight or offensive odors.
 - (4) Refuse storage is prohibited in any required front yard, street side yard, or required parking or landscape area. Refuse storage must comply with §1421-35.
- (d) *Accessory Composting.*
- (1) *Area.* Composting activities using less than 500 square feet of land and considered accessory to a residential or agricultural use are defined as “Accessory Composting.”
 - (2) *Setbacks and Location.*
 - (i) Maximum distance of 30 feet from the rear lot line; and
 - (ii) Minimum 10 feet from side and rear lot lines; and
 - (iii) Minimum 10 feet from all Principal Structures; and
 - (iv) Minimum 5 feet from any Accessory Structures; and
 - (v) Minimum 20 feet from any natural watercourse or wetland.
 - (vi) Minimum 50 feet from any private water supply system.
 - (3) *Management.* Compost may only consist of plant derived materials. Management of Accessory Composting shall comply with all applicable Cincinnati Board of Health regulations.
 - (4) *Enclosure.* Accessory Composting shall be contained and managed per best practices within an appropriate enclosure, container or structure.
- (e) *Vehicular Storage, Parking and Egress.*
- (1) In residential districts, one commercial vehicle completely enclosed in a garage may be parked or stored on the lot subject to the limitations found in §1403-05-L6 and §1405-05-L11.

- (2) On lots that do not contain a dwelling, commercial vehicles and trailers may be temporarily parked on the lot beyond the front yard for a period not to exceed 24 hours per week.
- (3) Vehicles parked onsite shall comply with parking requirements of Chapter 1425. Additional onsite parking may be required per §1425-19 when commercial sales or employees are proposed as part of the agricultural use.

Section 8. That Section 1425-19, “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1425-19. – Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements.

Off-street parking and loading requirements must be provided in accordance with Schedules 1425-19-A and 1425-19-B. Unless a use is specifically noted under the appropriate use classification heading, the parking and loading requirements apply uniformly to all uses within a use classification. Off-street parking and loading requirements for uses in the DD Districts are subject to the provisions of Chapter 1411, Downtown Development Districts.

Off-street parking and loading facilities must be made permanently available to the use served. Where the use is undetermined or the parking requirement is not established in Schedule 1425-19-A, the Zoning Administrator must determine the probable use and number of spaces required.

Commercial uses located in Commercial, Office, and Manufacturing zoning districts are entitled to an exemption from the parking requirements as follows:

- (a) *Commercial Uses in the CN-P and CC-P Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements.
- (b) *Commercial Uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML Zoning Districts.* The first 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses are exempted from the off-street parking requirements. New commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.
- (c) *Commercial Uses in the CC-A, CG-A, MG and RF-M Zoning Districts.* Commercial uses are not exempted from the parking requirements.

Schedule 1425-19-A: Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements

Use Classifications	Required Parking (Sq. Ft. of Floor Area)	Loading User Group

Residential Uses		
Bed and breakfast home	2 for every dwelling, plus 1 for every guest room	
Child day care home	No additional spaces required	
Group residential	1 for every 2 residents	
Permanent residential		
Single-family		
SF-4, SF-6, SF-10, SF-20	2 for every unit	
SF-2, RM, O, C, M, UM, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Attached single-family	1 for every unit	
Rowhouse single-family	1 for every unit	
Two-family	1 for every unit	
Multi-family		
<u>RMX</u> , RM2.0, RM1.2,	1.5 for every unit	

OL		
RM0.7, OG, C, UM, M, RF-R and IR	1 for every unit	
Residential care facilities		
Assisted living	1 for every 4 residents	
Developmental disability dwelling	1 for every 4 residents	
Nursing home	1 for every 4 residents	
Special assistance shelters	1 for every 3 employees plus 1 for every facility vehicle	
Transitional housing	1 for every facility plus 1 for every 8 beds	
Public and Semi Public Uses		
Cemeteries	None	
Day care center	2 for every facility, plus 1 for every 8 clients	
Clubs and lodges	1 for every 100 sq.	3

	ft.	
Colleges, public or private	1 for every 3 auditorium seats plus 1 for every 5 classroom seats	3
Community service facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft.	
Cultural institutions	1 for every 500 sq. ft. or 1 for every 8 seats, whichever is greater	3
Government facilities and offices		
Facilities and installations	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	1
Correctional institutions	1 for every 20 beds	1
Offices	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	1
Hospitals	1 for every bed	3
Parks and recreation facilities	1 for every 100 sq. ft. of indoor area	
Public maintenance facilities	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Public safety facilities	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Religious assembly	1 for every 30 sq. ft. in principal assembly area	
School, public or private	High School: 1 for every 10 classroom seats	3
	Elementary School: 1 for every 30 classroom seats	3
Commercial Uses		
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing and new commercial uses in the CN-P and the CC-P districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
First 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of existing commercial uses in the CN-M, CC-M, OL, OG, IR, RF-C and ML districts.	Exempt - no spaces required.	
New commercial uses in the CC-M, CC-A, CG-A, OL, OG, IR, RF-C, ML, MG and RF-M districts.	As required below.	

New and existing commercial uses in the CC-A and CG-A districts.	As required below.	
Ambulance services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Animal services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Banks and financial institutions	1 for every 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area of the first floor area, plus 1 for every 250 sq. ft. of gross floor area of any other floors	2
Bed and breakfast inns	1 for every facility plus 1 for every guest room	
Building materials and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	4
Building maintenance services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Business services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Commercial meeting facility	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	3
Eating and drinking establishments		

Drinking establishments	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, full service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Restaurants, limited service	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Food markets	1 for every 150 sq. ft. where it exceeds 2,000 sq. ft.	1
Food preparation	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	
Funeral and interment services	1 for every 50 sq. ft. used for assembly	
Garden supply stores and nurseries	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Hotels and commercial lodging	1 for every guest room	3
Loft dwelling units	1 for every unit	
Laboratories, commercial	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Maintenance and repair services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Medical services and	1 for every 150 sq.	

clinics	ft.	
Offices	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	2
Personal services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Personal instructional services	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Recreation and entertainment		
Indoor and small scale		
Fitness centers, gyms, handball, racquetball or tennis clubs, ice or roller rinks, miniature golf courses	1 for every 350 sq. ft.	
Billiard parlors, poolrooms	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Bingo parlors, amusement arcades	1 for every 150 sq. ft.	
Movie theater (three or less screens)	1 for every 5 seats	
Bowling centers	5 for every bowling lane	
Outdoor or large scale		

Sports stadiums and arenas, movie theaters (4 or more screens), racetracks	1 for every 5 seats	
Amusement and theme parks, driving ranges, swimming or wave pools, entertainment complexes, drive-in theaters, archery or shooting ranges, riding stables, campgrounds	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Retail sales	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	1
Sexually oriented business	1 for every 250 sq. ft.	
Vehicle and equipment services		
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	1 for every 400 sq. ft. of office sales or rental area	
Car wash	See §1419-11	
Fuel sales	None	
Vehicle repair	2 for every service bay or 1 for every 250 sq. ft., whichever is greater	

Automobile holding facilities	None	
Industrial Uses		
Production industry	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Research and development	1 for every 750 sq. ft.	2
Warehousing and storage		
Contractor's storage	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Indoor storage	4 spaces	
Waste management	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Wholesaling and distribution	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	4
Transportation, Communication and Utilities Uses		
Communications facilities	1 for every 600 sq. ft. plus 1 for every 3 auditorium seats	2
Public utility distribution system	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public utility	1 for every 1,000	

maintenance yard	sq. ft.	
Public utility plant	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	
Public vehicle operations and service	1 for every employee plus 1 for every taxi and/or limousine	
Transportation facilities		
Airports	1 for every 250 sq. ft of terminal building	1
Heliports	None	
Railroad train yards	None	
Railroad right-of-way	None	
Transportation passenger terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Truck terminal and warehouse	0—100,000 sq. ft: 1 for every 2,000 feet	4
Truck terminal and warehouse	Over 100,000: 1 for every 4,000 sq. ft. over 100,000 sq. ft.	4
Watercraft and riverfront facilities		

Barge terminals	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Boat and ship yards	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Commercial piers and ports	1 for every 2,000 sq. ft.	
Marinas	1 for every two berths	
Marine sales and services	1 for every 400 sq. ft.	
Agriculture and Extractive Uses		
Farming	1 for every site	
Mining and quarrying	1 for every 1,000 sq. ft.	

Schedule 1425-19-B: Loading User Group Classification

Group	Requirement
Group 1	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—24,999 sq. ft.	1 space

25,000—49,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
50,000—99,999 sq. ft.	3 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft. in excess of 100,000 sq. ft.
Group 2	
0—29,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
30,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000—499,000 sq. ft.	1 additional space for every 100,000
500,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for every 500,000
Group 3	
0—9,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
10,000—99,999 sq. ft.	1 space
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 sq. ft.

Group 4	
0—4,999 sq. ft.	No spaces required
5,000—39,999 sq. ft.	1 space
40,000—99,999 sq. ft.	2 spaces
100,000 sq. ft. or more	1 additional space for each 100,000 in excess of 100,000

Section 9. That Section 1437-05, “Establishment of UD Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-05. – Establishment of Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Council may establish an Urban Design Overlay District whenever both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) *Neighborhood Business Center.* Upon finding that an area comprising a concentration of retail and service-oriented commercial establishments serves as the principal business activity center for a socio-geographic community.
- (b) *Urban Design Plan.* Upon adoption of an urban design plan for the area that includes: A textual and graphic description of the physical and environmental improvements necessary for the coordinated revitalization of the business district. The Urban Design Plan should include but is not limited to: the location of buildings, architectural character of the buildings, signage, pedestrian and vehicular circulations, parking, open space and landscaping. An urban design plan may also include a list of contributing and non-contributing buildings within the business district.
 - (1) For the purposes of this section, a contributing building is one that has unique or distinguishable physical attributes that add to the cohesive character and setting of the business district, including its siting and location, architectural characteristics, and massing, and further are consistent with the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council.
 - (2) For the purposes of this section, a noncontributing building is one that detracts from the established physical character and setting of the business district because the

building's architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, form, or setbacks are inconsistent with the predominant characteristics of the district, or the building is obsolete, damaged, in a state of disrepair, dilapidated, or unsanitary.

Section 10. That Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-07. - Applications Subject to Review.

- (a) The Zoning Administrator has the duty to review applications for the following permits in an established Urban Design Overlay District for compliance with the base requirements of the district:-
 - (1) *Signs*: Permits for the installation of all signs.
 - (2) *Awnings*: Permits for the installation of all awnings.
 - (3) *Mechanical Equipment and Utilities*: Permits for the installation of all exterior mechanical equipment and utility service connections.
 - (4) *Replacement Windows*: Permits for the installation of replacement windows.
 - (5) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures*: Permits for exterior renovations, alterations, or additions.
 - (6) *Eating and Drinking Establishments*: Permits for Restaurants, Limited.
- (b) The Zoning Board of Appeals ~~Zoning Hearing Examiner~~ shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove an application for the following types of development in an established Urban Design Overlay District in accordance with the base requirements of the district:-
 - (1) *New Construction*: Permits for new construction.
 - (2) *Demolition*: Permits for demolition.
- (c) The City Planning Commission is authorized to exercise the powers granted to the Zoning Board of Appeals ~~Zoning Hearing Examiner~~ pursuant to this Chapter 1437 when an application is submitted in connection with an application to subdivide land.
- (d) The Director of Buildings and Inspections is authorized to order the demolition of a building located in an established Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if he or she finds that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Section 11. That Section 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-09. – Development Standards in Urban Design ~~UD~~ Overlay Districts.

Development within individual Urban Design ~~UD~~ Overlay Districts must comply with the standards prescribed below that the ordinance that establishes the Urban Design ~~UD~~ Overlay District declares applicable to that district. These standards are intended to implement policies in adopted urban design plans. Whenever the standards conflict with the development regulations of the underlying district, these standards supersede those regulations. The following regulations will apply to some or all of the Urban Design ~~UD~~ Overlay Districts as determined by the urban design plan prepared and adopted for each district. Refer to Schedule 1437-09 for applicability.

Urban Design Overlay District Standards

Schedule 1437-09

	UD #1	UD #2	UD #3	UD #4	UD #5	UD #6	UD #7	UD #8	UD #9	UD #10	UD #11	UD #12	UD #13	UD #14	UD #15
S1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

M 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E 1		X	X	X	X		X				X				
F1		X													X
N 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
N 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

UD #1 - College Hill Business District	UD #9 - Mt. Airy Business District
UD #2 - Clifton Business District	UD #10 - Columbia-Tusculum Business District
UD #3 - Hartwell Business District	UD #11 - Hyde Park East Business District
UD #4 - Hyde Park Square Business District	UD #12 - Mt. Lookout Square
UD #5 - Oakley Square Business District	UD #13 - Pleasant Ridge Business District
UD #6 - University Village Business District	UD #14 - Kennedy Heights Business District
UD #7 - North Avondale Along Reading Road	UD #15 - Roselawn Business District
UD #8 - Mt. Washington Business District	

(a) *Signs and Signage Standards:*

S1. Prohibited Signs:

- All blinking, flashing, rotating, or moving signs, except barber poles and theater marquees;
- Neon signs;
- Banners, portable, or temporary signs;
- Rooftop signs, signs, or awnings extending above the roofline of the building, or signs or awnings that extend above the window sill line of the second floor of the building;
- Any advertising sign on or about an unoccupied building, except those related to the sale or rental of that building;
- All signs, handbills, or flyers on utility poles, except those installed by the city and state.
- All outdoor advertising signs, as that term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 895.

S2. Projecting Signs

- Projecting signs shall not be used except for small identification or trademark signs symbolic of the business identified.
- The copy of all signs should identify the predominant business on the premises or its principal product or service.

- Advertising signs are prohibited.
 - Projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face and shall not exceed 12 square feet for all faces.
 - Projecting signs should be located over entry doors or building columns or piers and shall be limited to one projecting sign per business.
 - All sign supports shall be simple in nature, have no visible guy wires, and be made less obtrusive with camouflaging color in harmony with the surrounding environment.
- S3. In the case where buildings have multiple storefronts occupied by different tenants, the allowable signage area for each tenant will be calculated based upon the storefront street frontage in order to maintain a proportional distribution of signage area.
- S4. For businesses located within an interior portion of a building, or on the second floor or higher story of a building and lacking an exterior wall or window area, a sign identifying the business no larger than six square feet may be affixed to the exterior of the building. This sign area shall be included in the maximum allowable area for all signs on the property.
- S5. Ground signs: where permitted, ground signs shall meet the following standards:
- Ground signs shall be a maximum sign area of not more than one square foot of sign area per linear foot of street frontage per sign face, up to a maximum sign area of 30 square feet per face, or 60 square feet for all sign faces.
 - Ground signs shall be limited to two sign faces and shall not exceed six feet in height.
 - Ground signs shall be located at or near the primary street frontage.
 - Ground signs shall be compatible with the design of the building in proportion, shape, scale, materials, colors, and lighting.

(b) *Awning Standards:*

A1. Awnings shall meet the following standards:

- Awnings shall project no more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk or six feet, whichever is less.
- Awnings shall run parallel to the face of the building.
- Awnings shall be located within the existing building framework - between columns and below spandrel panels. Awning colors and design shall be compatible with the colors and design of the building.
- Structural supports for all awnings shall be contained within the awning covering.

- Each storefront bay shall have a similar awning to the other storefront bays on the same building.
- Awnings shall be designed to be harmonious with the architecture of the building that they are to be placed on. They shall relate in shape and proportion to the building's architectural elements such as window and opening shapes, facade articulation, and general character of the building.

(c) *Mechanical Equipment and Utility Standards:*

M1. Mechanical equipment, including air conditioning, piping, ducts, and conduits external to the building shall be concealed from view from adjacent buildings or street level by grills, screens or other enclosures. Electric and other utility service connections shall be underground for new construction and encouraged for all other changes.

(d) *Replacement Window Standards:*

W1. Replacement windows shall meet the following standards:

- Replacement windows shall fit the size and style of the original openings.
- Original window and door openings shall not be enclosed or bricked-in on the street elevation. Where openings on the sides or rear of the building are to be closed, the infill materials shall match that of the wall and be recessed a maximum of three inches within the opening.

(e) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures:*

R1. Renovations, alterations, or additions shall be designed and executed in a manner that is sympathetic to the particular architectural character of the structure being worked on. Architectural elements shall be sensitively designed to reflect the detailing and materials associated with the particular style of the building.

R2. Renovations and restorations of older buildings shall respect the original building design, including structure, use of materials, and details. New materials or signs shall not cover original materials and detailing. Natural materials (brick, slate, glass, stone, etc.) shall be retained in their natural state and not covered with any other contemporary materials. Materials that are out of keeping with the historic character of the building shall be removed from the facade upon significant exterior renovation or restoration of the existing structure.

(f) *Eating and Drinking Establishments:*

E1. Restaurants, Limited shall meet the following standards:

- No more than 45 percent of their gross floor area may be devoted to food preparation, related activities, and other space not accessible to the public;

- No more than 35 percent of the restaurant's sales by dollar volume are carry-out and the patrons are served with other than single-use utensils, plates, and beverage containers.
- The consumption of food or beverage in automobiles parked upon the premises is prohibited.

(g) *Franchise Establishments:*

F1. New businesses should contribute to the desired mix of commercial activities; franchise type establishments are acceptable provided that they are primarily pedestrian and not automobile-oriented.

(h) *New Construction:*

N1. New buildings shall be compatible with their surroundings. Architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, and form of new buildings and the space between and around buildings shall be consistent with the area, and should be in harmony with neighboring buildings.

- New buildings shall respond to the pattern of window placement in the district. The designs of new buildings shall avoid long unrelieved expanses of wall along the street by maintaining the rhythm of windows and structural bays in the district. The preferred pattern of ground floor windows is open show windows, with inset or recessed entryways; and landscaping, lighting, and other amenities equivalent to those existing in the district.
- Buildings shall de-emphasize secondary rear or side door entrances to commercial space, unless the entrances are associated with public parking areas.

N2. ~~The Zoning Board of Appeals Zoning Hearing Examiner shall review and consider the applicable urban design plan and other applicable community plans approved by City Council applicable Community Plans approved by City Council when making decisions for projects determining the compatibility of new construction proposed within an Urban Design Overlay District.~~

- ~~New buildings and Pproposed~~ uses shall be consistent with the goals, objectives, and guidelines of the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council.

N3 ~~At the request of an applicant, the Zoning Board of Appeals Zoning Hearing Examiner may conduct a review of a new building or change in use of a property in two parts: (i) first, an initial review of schematic plans in which setbacks, structure and site improvement placement, massing, building envelope, and uses are considered; and (ii) second, a subsequent review in which final plans, materials, and designs are considered.~~

(i) *Demolition:*

D1. An existing building may only be demolished if the owner of the building, or a person authorized by the owner of the building, demonstrates that one of the following standards is met: ~~Demolition has been ordered by the Director of Buildings and Inspections for reasons of public health and safety and:~~

- The building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by weighing the following factors:

- (i) whether the building is identified as a contributing building or noncontributing building by the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council;

- (ii) whether the building is recommended for demolition by the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council;

- (iii) whether the building's architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, form, and setbacks are consistent with the predominant characteristics of the district;

- (iv) whether the building is iconic or specially associated with the district;

- (v) whether the demolition of the building will negatively impact the district streetscape; and

- (vi) whether the building is obsolete, damaged, in a state of disrepair, dilapidated, or unsanitary, and whether its condition was caused by the owner or his or her predecessors through deliberate action or willful neglect.

- The demolition of the building will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by evidence that the owner, or a person authorized by the owner, has:

- (i) obtained final approval to construct a new building or change the use of property pursuant to the requirements of subsection (h) above;

- (ii) obtained all building permit approvals necessary to commence the new construction or effect the change in use, and

- (iii) certified via affidavit or sworn testimony as to his or her intent and capacity to diligently pursue the construction of the new building or change in use if demolition of the building is approved.

- The existing building does not contribute to the architectural quality of the district;

- ~~The demolition is necessary to accomplish the construction of a building which would meet the guidelines contained in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~The demolition is necessary to provide parking and/or other uses in a manner specified in the urban design plan;~~
- ~~The owner has endeavored in good faith to find a use for the structure and is unable to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the property; or~~
- ~~Demolition has been ordered to remove blight.~~

Section 12. That Section 1437-11, “Approval,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-11. - Approval.

- (a) If the Zoning Administrator determines that an permit application conforms to the requirements of § 1437-09 and all other requirements of this Code, the Zoning Administrator has the duty to approve a building permit for the proposed work. The Zoning Administrator has the duty to notify all owners of property abutting the subject property and the community organization recognized by the City Council as representing the area that includes the subject property.
- (b) If the Zoning Administrator determines an permit application does not conform to the requirements of § 1437-09, or if a permit application includes a request for new construction or demolition, a hearing and decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals Zoning Hearing Examiner has the duty to determine whether the application satisfies the standards set forth in this Chapter required, pursuant to Chapter 1443, Zoning Hearing Examiner Procedures, prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- (c) In reviewing a permit application pursuant to § 1437-11(b), the Zoning Board of Appeals shall conduct a hearing and issue a decision in the same manner as prescribed for the Zoning Hearing Examiner under Chapter 1443, Zoning Hearing Examiner Procedures. In considering a permit application, the Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant all additional forms of relief the Zoning Hearing Examiner is authorized to grant (e.g., variance, conditional use, special exceptions, etc.), provided that the Zoning Board of Appeals may not grant a use variance from the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 13. That Section 1437-13, “Appeal,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-13. - Appeal.

Any party with standing may appeal a final decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals issued in accordance with this Chapter to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas as allowed by Ohio

~~Revised Code Chapter 2506 or other applicable law., pursuant to Chapter 1449, Zoning Board of Appeals, appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days after the decision of the Zoning Hearing Examiner.~~

Section 14. That Section 1439-07, “Zoning Hearing Examiner,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1439-07. – Zoning Hearing Examiner.

Pursuant to Chapter 1443, the Zoning Hearing Examiner conducts public hearings and makes decisions, subject to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, on applications for:

- (a) Variances;
- (b) Special exceptions;
- (c) Conditional uses;
- (d) Expansion or substitution of nonconforming uses;
- (e) Development permission in Hillside Overlay Districts; and
- (f) Phased development in the DD District. Development permission in Urban Design Overlay Districts; and
- ~~(g) Phased development in the DD District.~~

Section 15. That Section 1439-11, “Zoning Board of Appeals,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1439-11. – Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is established pursuant to Article XXX, § 6 of the Administrative Code and has the following powers and duties under the Cincinnati Zoning Code and the Land Development Code:

- (a) To hear and decide appeals from any order, decision, determination or interpretation made by the Director of Buildings and Inspections and those serving under the authority of the director in the administration or the enforcement of this Code and the Land Development Code, pursuant to the procedures and standards established in Chapter 1449, Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (b) To hear and decide appeals from any order, decision, determination or interpretation made by the Zoning Administrator in the administration or the enforcement of this Code and the Land Development Code, pursuant to the procedures and standards established in Chapter 1449, Zoning Board of Appeals.

- (c) To hear and decide appeals from any decision of the Zoning Hearing Examiner, pursuant to the procedures and standards established in Chapter 1449, Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (d) To hear and decide appeals from any decision of the Historic Conservation Board.
- (e) To hear and decide all other appeals as provided for by this Code and the Land Development Code.
- (f) To conduct public hearings and makes decisions on certain applications for development permissions in Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Section 16. That Section 1703-2.40, “T3 Estate (T3E); T3E Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.40 T3 Estate (T3E)

I. T3E Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3E</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 17. That Section 1703-2.50, “T3 Neighborhood (T3N); T3N Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.50 T3 Neighborhood (T3N)

I. T3N Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T3N</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 18. That Section 1703-2.60, “T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF); T4N.MF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.60 T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint (T4N.MF)

I. T4N.MF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>MF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 19. That Section 1703-2.70, “T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF) T4N.SF Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.70 T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint (T4N.SF)

I. T4N.SF Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>SF-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 20. That Section 1703-2.80, “T5 Main Street (T5MS) T5MS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.80 T5 Main Street (T5MS)

I. T5MS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>MS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 21. That Section 1703-2.90, “T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS) T5N.LS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.90 T5 Neighborhood Large Setback (T5N.LS)

I. T5N.LS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>LS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			

<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 22. That Section 1703-2.100, “T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS); T5N.SS Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.100 T5 Neighborhood Small Setback (T5N.SS)

I. T5N.SS Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>SS-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 23. That Section 1703-2.110(I), “T5 Flex (T5F) T5 Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.110 T5 Flex (T5F)

I. T5 Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>T5F</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P P</u>

Section 24. That Section 1703-2.120, “T6 Core (T6C) T6C Use Table; Use Type; Agriculture,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-2.120 T6 Core (T6C)

I. T6C Use Table

<u>Use Type</u>	<u>Specific Use Standards</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C-O</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>			
<u>Community Garden</u>	<u>1703-5.100.D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Animal Keeping</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>UP</u>	<u>UP</u>
<u>Garden</u>	<u>Chapter 1422</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

Section 25. That Section 1703-5.50 (D), “Parking; Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

D. Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

1. **Required Spaces.** The minimum number of parking spaces required are listed in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). However, if the minimum number of parking space requirements are provided in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones) for the applicable transect zone and use, then those standards take precedence over the standards in Table A (Parking Spaces Required). When calculating the minimum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded up to the closest whole number.
2. **Maximum Number of Parking Spaces.** When calculating the maximum number of parking spaces, numbers shall be rounded down to the closest whole number. The maximum number of off -street parking spaces shall be as follows:
 - a. For buildings with a footprint less than or equal to 60,000 gsf, 140 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces; ~~and~~
 - b. For buildings with a footprint greater than 60,000 gsf, 125 percent of the required minimum number of parking spaces.
 - c. The required minimum number of parking spaces shall be rounded ~~up or~~ down to the closest whole number.

Section 26. That Section 1703-5.80(E), “Permanent Signs,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Permanent Signs

1. Permanent Signs shall meet the standards set forth in Subsections 1703-5.80.K-V ~~1703-5.70.G-R~~.
2. The number of allowed permanent signs is set forth within the transect zone, see Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).
3. Permanent Signs require a building permit pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 1101-17.1.
4. Except where expressly prohibited, internal illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs in the following forms:
 - a. Individually illuminated letter and logo signs, including:
 1. Front-Lit Signs
 2. Halo/Reverse-Lit Signs
 3. Push Through Signs
 4. Open-Lit Signs

- b. Internally illuminated logos shall not be permitted on Front-Lit Signs
- 5. External illumination is permitted for permanent building and ground signs.
- 6. Changeable copy signs are only permitted in accordance with the following conditions:
 - a. Changeable copy signs shall be limited to ground signs and wall signs only and shall not exceed 25% of the square footage of a sign's sign face area.
 - b. Changeable copy signs shall be programmed so that the message or image on the sign changes no more than every 10 seconds.
 - c. Effects of movement, flashing, scintillation, or similar effects in the individual images are prohibited.
 - d. Changes of images shall be substantially instantaneous as seen by the human eye and shall not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving, or similar effects as part of the change.
 - e. Video technology in signs shall use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy or other darkened conditions, in accordance with the following:
 - 1. All electronic or digital display unit message boards shall have installed ambient light monitors and shall at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic board based on ambient light conditions.

Section 27. That Section 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

L. Directory Sign

Description

The directory sign type is a wall mounted or freestanding sign provides a listing of establishments within a building or series of buildings; near entrances and parking locations.

Size

Signable Area	6 sf max.	(A)
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Location

Height		(D)
Wall Mounted	8' max.	
Free Standing	3' max.	

*See Subsection 1703-5.80 (Pole/Monument Sign Type) for additional standards

Miscellaneous

~~May include the name of the business and business address. Shall not include any other words.~~

Section 28. That Section 1703-5.80(O), "Pole/Monument Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

O. Pole/Monument Sign

Description

The pole/monument sign type encompasses a variety of signs that are not attached to a building and have an integral support structure. A pole sign, usually double-faced, is mounted on a single or pair of round poles, square tubes, or other fabricated members without any type of secondary support. A pole/monument sign stands directly on the ground or ground level foundation and is often used to mark a place of significance or the entrance to a location.

Size

Signable Area	12 sf max.	(A)
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Location

Signs per Frontage	1 max.	
Height	8' max.	(B)
Width	8' max.	(C)

Miscellaneous

~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a weekly or daily basis.~~

Changeable copy pole/monument signs are permitted in all transect zones except for T5MS, T5N.LS, T5N.SS, T5F, and T6C transect zones.

Section 29. That Section 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

S. Wall Sign

Description

The wall sign type is flat against the façade consisting of individual cut letters applied directly to the building, raised letters on a panel or painted directly on the surface of the building. Wall signs are placed above shopfronts and often run horizontally along the "expression line," entablature of traditional buildings, or decorative cornice or sign band at the top of the building. Wall signs shall not protrude beyond the roof line or cornice of a building.

Size		
Signable Area		
Area	1 sf per linear foot of shopfront width up to 80 sf max.	(A)
Width	Shopfront width, max.	(B)
Height	12" min.; 3' max.	(C)
Lettering		
Width	75% of signable width, max.	(D)
Height	75% or 10" (whichever is lesser) of signable height max.	(E)

Location	
Projection	8" max.
Signs per building	1 per establishment max.

Miscellaneous

~~Changeable copy signs are only allowed for gasoline price signs, directory signs listing more than one tenant, and signs advertising restaurant food specials, films and live entertainment which change on a regular basis.~~

Changeable copy wall signs are permitted in all transect zones subject to the individual regulations of each transect zone.

~~Wall signs shall not be internally illuminated.~~

Section 30. That Section 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

T. Wall Mural Sign

Description

The wall mural sign type is flat against a secondary facade, typically along a side street, alley, or paseo. These signs are typically painted directly on the building and contain a combination of text and graphic elements. These signs are intended to be visible from a greater distance and are accompanied by additional signage on the primary facade at the business entrance. ~~Wall signs that do not provide signage for a business (artistic wall mural) are subject to approval by the Director. Billboards~~ Outdoor advertising signs are not considered wall mural signs and are prohibited within the Form-Based Code transect zones areas. See Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 895 (Outdoor Advertising Signs) for additional regulations.

Size

Signable Area

Area	1000 sf max.	(A)
Width	60' max	(B)
Height	50' max.	(C)

Location		
Height Above Ground	3' min.	(D)
Projection	8" max.	

Miscellaneous

Wall mural signs may only be externally illuminated.

Section 31. That Section 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses; Community Gardens,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-5.100. - Additional Standard for Specific Uses.

D. Urban Agriculture Community Gardens. ~~Shall comply with the following~~ The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1422 shall govern the establishment of urban agriculture uses permitted within in a transect zone, e.g., Animal Keeping, Farms, and Gardens.

~~**Table 1703-5.100.A: Community Gardens**~~

~~**Hours of Operation**~~

~~Community gardens shall not be used between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am~~

~~**Building Form Standards**~~

~~Building Height _____ 15' max~~

~~Buildings or structures _____ 800 sf max.~~

~~Number of Buildings or Enclosed Structures _____ 2 max~~

~~**Buildings and Structures Placement**~~

~~Buildings and structures, including those for the storage of compost and refuse, shall comply with the building placement standards set forth for structures found in Section 1703-2 (Specific to Transect Zones).~~

~~**Fencing and Walls**~~

~~Height~~

~~Along Front or Side Street Lot Line _____ 4' max.~~

~~Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other locations _____ 6' max.~~

~~Opacity~~

~~Along Front or Side Street Lot Line _____ 50% max.~~

~~Along Side or Rear Lot Line, other Locations _____ 100% max.~~

~~Fences and walls shall not include electrified, barbed or razor wire.~~

~~Tools and Supplies~~

~~Tools and supplies shall be stored indoors or removed on a daily basis.~~

~~Bulk supplies and water tanks shall not be store in required frontyard or sideyard setbacks.~~

~~Use of commercial or industrial farm equipment is prohibited.~~

~~Compost and Refuse~~

~~Area Dedicated to Composting _____ 200 sf max.~~

~~Compost shall be stored in an enclosed screened fence or structure.~~

~~Composting shall be only of materials generated on site.~~

~~Water that has come in to contact with compost shall be prevented from flowing onto adjacent properties, into natural or human-made storm channels or the public right of way.~~

~~Compost enclosure shall be maintained to prevent adverse environmental, health and safety impacts such as noise, odors, and the attraction of rodents or other pests onto adjacent properties.~~

~~All refuse storage areas shall be screened from ground-level view from adjacent properties and public rights of way~~

~~Compost and/or Refuse Storage Area Setbacks~~

~~Front _____ 10' min.~~

~~Side Street _____ 10' min.~~

~~Side _____ 3' min.~~

~~Rear _____ 3' min., 25' max.~~

~~Fertilizer and Pesticides~~

~~Fertilizer and pesticides shall be stored in a locked storage structure and shall comply with any other applicable requirements for hazardous materials.~~

~~Chemical, pesticide, fertilizer or other garden waste shall be prevented from draining onto adjacent sites or street right of ways.~~

~~Maintenance~~

~~The property owner of the site on which a community garden is located is responsible for all maintenance requirements.~~

~~Property shall be maintained free of high grass, weeds or other debris.~~

~~Dead plant growth must be composted or removed from the site not later than December 1st of each year.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent cultivated areas from encroaching on to adjacent sites.~~

~~Property shall be maintained to prevent chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, other garden wastes or water that has come in contact with compost from draining onto adjacent lots.~~

Section 32. That Section 1703-8.50, “Relationship to Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

1703-8.50. - Relationship to Overlay Districts

A. ~~Transect zones may be established in certain overlay districts~~Overlay districts established by Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV may be applied to transect zones. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Form-Based Code and an overlay district, the conflict shall be resolved as follows following sets forth the legal effect of establishing a transect zone in each of the overlay districts contained in Cincinnati Municipal Code Title XIV—Cincinnati Zoning Code:

1. **Urban Design Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437).** ~~The provisions of the Form-Based Code shall apply and govern, and~~ €The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 1437 shall be inoperative and of no effect where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
2. **Hillside Overlay District (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1433 shall apply and govern where in conflict with the provisions of the Form-Based Code.
3. **Historic Asset (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435).** The provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1435 ~~shall overlay a transect zone and shall apply and govern in all instances~~where in conflict with the Form-Based Code.
4. **Interim Development Control Overlay District (“IDC”) (Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431).** The terms of ~~the an IDC established pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1431 shall remain in effect and shall apply and govern where in conflict with the Form-Based Code until the IDC expires or is repealed.~~

Section 33. That Section 1703-9.10(E), “E. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. Definitions

Eave. The overhang at the lower edge of a roof.

Edison Bulbs. Reproduction light bulbs manufactured to have the appearance of the original light bulbs introduced by Thomas Edison. Typically, these are incandescent bulbs with filaments and lens shaped like the original bulbs.

Elevated Ground Floor. A ground floor situated above the grade plane at street-level.

Encroachment. Any architectural feature, structure or structural element, such as a gallery, fence, garden wall, porch, stoop, balcony, bay window, terrace or deck, that breaks the

plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, and extends into a setback, beyond the build-to-line, into the public frontage, or above a height limit.

Entry. An opening, such as a door, passage, or gate, that allows access to a building.

Entry, Service. An entry used for the delivery of goods and removal of refuse.

External Employee. An employee who does not reside at his or her place of employment.

Section 34. That Section 1703-9.10(F), "F. Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

F. Definitions

Facade. The vertical surface of a building. **Facade Zone.** The area between the minimum and maximum setback lines.

Facility. An improvement, structure or building that is designed and used for a particular purpose.

Fence. A structure made of wire, wood, metal, masonry or other material, and typically used as a screen or enclosure for a yard or open space or as a divider along a lot line.

Finished Grade. The final ground elevation around a building after all earthwork has been completed.

Flex Space. A room or group of internally connected rooms designed to accommodate an evolution of use over time in response to an evolving market demand. Typically designed to accommodate future commercial uses, while accommodating less intense shortterm uses, such as residential or live/work, until the full commercial demand has been established.

Floorplate. An area measurement in square feet of either the gross or the rentable floor area of a typical floor in a building.

Floorplate, Commercial. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to commercial uses.

Floorplate, Residential. The square footage area measurement of a floorplate dedicated to residential uses.

Footprint. The outline of the area of ground covered by a building or structure.

Footprint Area. The total square footage contained within a footprint.

Freestanding Wall. A wall that is separate from a building and supported by independent means.

Front-Lit Signs. Individual letters are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with internal illumination and a polycarbonate sign face allowing light to illuminate the individual letter faces from within.

Frontage. A strip or extent of land abutting a thoroughfare, civic space or other public right-of-way.

1. **Frontage, Private.** The area between the building facade and the shared lot line between the public right-of-way and the lot.

2. **Frontage, Public.** The area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the edge of the right-of-way.

Frontage Line. The lot lines fronting a thoroughfare or other public way, or a civic space.

Frontage Type. See Section 1703-4 (Specific to Frontage Types).

Furniture Area. An area of space that allows for the placement of furniture without restricting the movement of pedestrians.

Section 35. That Section 1703-9.10(H), “H. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

H. Definitions

Habitable Space. The portion of a building that is suitable for human occupancy.

Halo/ Reverse-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the sides (returns) and faces, being mounted away from the wall to project illumination onto the wall surface creating a halo effect. Letters or logos themselves are opaque and not illuminated.

Height, Building. See Subsection 1703-5.60 (Building Height).

Household. Up to four persons unrelated to each other by blood, marriage or legal adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit; or up to eight persons, other than foster parents and employees, living together in a foster home approved and regulated by the State of Ohio.

Section 36. That Section 1703-9.10(N), “N. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

N. Definitions

Neighborhood Center. A development that provides a mix of civic, institutional and/or commercial uses.

Neon Signs. Electric signs lighted by luminous gas-discharge tubes that contain rarified neon or other gases. If true neon is substituted for LED arrays, the lumen-level of the LED array may not exceed that of traditional neon.

New Construction. New development in which permits were filed for on or after the effective date of this Code.

Non-Conforming Uses. A use of an improvement or a lot that was lawfully established prior to the effective date of the Ordinance and maintained since that time but does not conform with the regulations and standards established by the Ordinance and all subsequent amendments.

Section 37. That Section 1703-9.10(O), “O. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

O. Definitions

Open-Lit Signs. Letters or logos are solid material (typically aluminum) on the back and sides (returns) with a clear or open face. Illumination is provided within the sign and is exposed and visible from the front of the sign. These signs are typically designed with neon or Edison Bulb lighting.

Open Zone. A sub-zone within a transect zone that allows for a greater range of land uses without relaxing the building form standards of the zone.

Outdoor Advertising Sign. See Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 895.

Overhead Doors. Doors constructed in horizontally hinged sections that are equipped with hardware that rolls the sections into an overhead position clear of the opening.

Section 38. That Section 1703-9.10(P), “P. Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

P. Definitions

Parapet. A low wall along the edge of a roof or the portion of a wall that extends above the roof line.

Parcel. See “Lot.”

Parking Driveway Width. The horizontal dimension, measured perpendicular to the direction of travel, of a driveway. Passive Recreation. See “Recreation, Passive.”

Path of Travel. A continuous, unobstructed pedestrian way.

Pedestrian Shed. An area centered on a major destination. Its size is measured by the average distance that may be traveled at an easy walking pace in a given amount of time from its center to its edge. Pedestrian sheds are useful for planning walkable areas. See Subsection 1703-6.30.B (Pedestrian Sheds).

Planting Strips. A landscaped or grassy area located between a street and a sidewalk.

Podium. A continuous projecting base or pedestal under a building.

Podium Tops. A flat, elevated and open area above a podium that can be used as common area.

Porch. A covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building.

Pre-Development Grade. The grade of a lot prior to any site improvements related to the proposed development.

Presumable Curb. The point at which the paved area of a street with no curb ends.

Property. See "Lot."

Public Use. A use undertaken by a political subdivision, its agents or assigns.

Push Through Signs. Letters or logos are routed out of a solid opaque surface and matching acrylic letters are pushed through the back of the sign to protrude from the surface.

Section 39. That existing Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," 1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," 1437-05, "Establishment of UD Overlay Districts," 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1437-11, "Approval," 1437-13, "Appeal," 1439-07, "Zoning Hearing Examiner," 1439-11, "Zoning Board of Appeals," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703-2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L),

“Directory Sign,” 1703-5.80(O), “Pole/Monument Sign,” 1703-5.80(S), “Wall Sign,” 1703-5.80(T), “Wall Mural Sign,” 1703-5.100, “Additional Standards for Specific Uses,” 1703-5.110, 1703-5.120, “Temporary Uses,” 1703-5.110, “Accessory Uses,” 1703-8.50, “Administration and Procedures,” 1703-9.10(E), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(F), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(H), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(N), “Definitions,” 1703-9.10(O), “Definitions,” and 1703-9.10(P), “Definitions,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 40. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strike through.

Juengling, Andy

From: Annie Bogenschutz <anniebogenschutz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] Proposed Zoning Changes

External Email Communication

Andy,

I wanted to send an email to express my concern for the proposed zoning changes that affect the urban design overlay districts.

I share the following concerns that the Mt. Lookout Community Council outlined:

- *The language of the proposed amendments is too broad and creates opportunities to bypass the protections of the Urban Design Overlay designation.*
- *The proposed changes would allow the destruction of any building in the district, even if it is a contributing part of the community's aesthetic. This goes against the purpose of the Urban Design Overlay District.*
- *The new language would also allow the City to approve demolition of an existing building in a UD district based solely on an owner's claims of economic hardship. This too easily favors developers who proactively purchase viable properties then claim they cannot collect an adequate return on their investment unless the existing building is demolished and replaced.*
- *The proposed language allows the decision to demolish existing buildings in UD districts to rest with a single person, the City's Zoning Hearing Examiner, rather than a panel of decision-makers, such as the City Planning Commission.*

Further, we are deeply concerned that the process to appeal decisions made under these new guidelines (which favor developers over communities) will require legal assistance for communities to achieve equal standing with developers. This is a very time consuming and expensive process, which puts undue strain on local community councils.

I am personally not against all development... but I am against the lack of true community engagement and community voice. We are taxpayers and our voice does matter. Please take this in to consideration when making your decisions.

Sent from my iPhone

Juengling, Andy

From: Laura Whitman <laurawmlcc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] Re: Virtual Public Staff Conference Thursday, July 29, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.

External Email Communication

Thank you Andy. Also, I realized that I had not submitted my comments. Please find them below.

My concerns regarding the proposed change to the Urban Design District Overlay review standards are as follows:

- The language of the proposed amendments is too broad and creates opportunities to bypass the protections of the Urban Design Overlay designation.
- The proposed changes would allow the destruction of any building in the district, even if it is a contributing part of the community's aesthetic. This goes against the purpose of the Urban Design Overlay District.
- The new language would also allow the City to approve demolition of an existing building in a UD district based solely on an owner's claims of economic hardship. This too easily favors developers who proactively purchase viable properties then claim they cannot collect an adequate return on their investment unless the existing building is demolished and replaced.
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Laura Whitman
Mt. Lookout

On Jul 28, 2021, at 11:06 AM, Juengling, Andy <Andy.Juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov> wrote:

Hello,

We received your comments regarding the proposed text amendments and make sure that the City Planning Commission receives these comments as part of the staff report when they consider the proposal.

Additionally, You are receiving this email in case you wish to the upcoming Virtual Public Staff Conference. Please use the information in this email to access the meeting.

Please do not share this meeting information. If you know someone who would like to attend the meeting, please have them email me directly.

Topic: A proposal to modify Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," and Title XVII, "Land Development Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING the provisions of Sections 1401-01-A8, "Animal Keeping," 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1409-07, "Land Use Regulations," 1411-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1413-05, "Land Use Regulations," 1422-05, "Development Regulations," 1422-07, "Maintenance and Storage," 1425-19 "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements," Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," 1703-2.40, "T3 Estate," 1703-2.50, "T3 Neighborhood," 1703-2.60, "T4 Neighborhood Medium Footprint," 1703-2.70, "T4 Neighborhood Small Footprint," 1703-2.80, "T5 Main Street," 1703-2.90, "T5 Neighborhood Large Setback," 1703-2.100, "T5 Neighborhood Small Setback," 1703-2.110, "T5 Flex," 1703- 2.120, "T6 Core," 1703-5.50(D), "Parking," 1703-5.80(E), "Permanent Signs," 1703-5.80(L), "Directory Sign," 1703-5.80(S), "Wall Sign," 1703-5.80(T), "Wall Mural Sign," 1703-5.100, "Additional Standards for Specific Uses," 1703-8.50, "Administration and Procedures," 1703- 9.10(E), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(F), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(H), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(N), "Definitions," 1703-9.10(O), "Definitions," and 1703-9.10(P), "Definitions,"; and REPEALING Sections 1401-01-C14, "Community Gardens," 1419-41, "Community Gardens," 1703-5.110, "Accessory Uses," and 1703-5.120, "Temporary Uses," to provide greater clarity and to correct scrivener's errors in the City's zoning codes, and to promote efficient and complementary development throughout the City.

Additional information regarding the proposed text amendments can be viewed at:
<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/proposed-text-amendments-to-the-cincinnati-zoning-code/>

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Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 10:04 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: Proposed Text Amendment Question/Comment

Submitted: Jul 28, 2021 10:04 PM

queue: true

followupurl:

first_name: Elise

email: elise.bendik@gmail.com

neighborhood: Madisonville

comments: Section 10 could result in one individual having too much control since they make the decisions and develop the process for deciding.

Juengling, Andy

From: elise.bendik@gmail.com <DoNotReply@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 10:38 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: Proposed Text Amendment Question/Comment

Submitted: Jul 28, 2021 10:37 PM

queue: true

followupurl:

first_name: Elise

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neighborhood: Madisonville

comments: Section 10 favors developers. it allows developers to get their foot in the door too easily and puts twice the burden on district residents. By splitting the new construction review process into two steps, residents have to review information and respond twice. Additionally, residents have info withheld as both steps are equally important and cannot be separated to form an educated decision. use and appearance are not separate from physical size in deciding if new construction should be allowed

Juengling, Andy

From: elise.bendik@gmail.com <DoNotReply@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 1:32 AM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: Proposed Text Amendment Question/Comment

Submitted: Jul 29, 2021 1:32 AM

queue: true
followupurl:
first_name: Elise
email: elise.bendik@gmail.com
neighborhood: Madisonville
comments: section 10 re:demolition
the language is too vague and left to be broadly interpreted

Juengling, Andy

From: Naomi Stoehr <naomigerwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] proposed changes to city zoning code relating to Mt Lookout

External Email Communication

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Mt. Lookout/ Hyde Park (we live on Observatory Place) for sixty years, i write to express my concern that the thoughtful and well-considered work done over a period of years and voted on and approved by city council regarding the Urban Design Overlay and its applications is in danger of being bypassed, due to pressure from a developer.

As is known, Mt Lookout Square is an UC Overlay District.

The character of our various neighborhoods, the historic context, walkability, trees and controlled density continues to draw home-buyers and small businesses, reversing the flight from the city that characterized decades in the last century.

Mt Lookout is a prime example. And currently Mt Lookout appears to be ripe pickings for developers seeking to make a profit *at the expense of the very attributes that make Mt Lookout desirable and property values high.*

The aim and purpose of the Urban Design Overlay are to protect what is here now, for the long-term, resisting the impulse for short-term gain.

Please honor that work and intention.

Thank you!

Naomi Tucker Stoehr Gerwin

Juengling, Andy

From: Brian Ogawa <bogawa@cincinnatiport.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Juengling, Andy
Subject: [External Email] Public Staff Conference Text Amendment

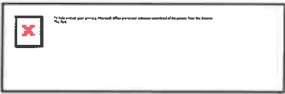
External Email Communication

Andy,

I will be unable to attend tonight's public staff conference. For the record I support the text amendment as it relates to the Urban Design Districts.

Best,
Brian

Brian Ogawa
Senior Commercial Development Associate



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[I am writing this on behalf of myself as a fifth-generation citizen of and business owner within the City of Cincinnati.]

To: Hon. Cincinnati City Planning Commission

From: Sean S. Suder, Esq.

Re: Proposed Text Amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 1437 - Urban Design Overlay District

New York City activist Jane Jacobs wrote *The Life and Death of Great American Cities* in 1961 in response to Robert Moses' inequitable demolition program of the prior decades. Her book was required summer reading before I began my urban planning studies at the University of Virginia School of Architecture in 1996. Like many other city planners, it is a permanent fixture on my bookshelf as a reminder of what can happen when bad policies, programs, and demagogues are perpetuated.

The City of Cincinnati perpetuated a much lesser known, but equally inequitable, demolition program called "Kenyon Barr" (a reference to two West End streets, not a neighborhood) that completely obliterated around 450 acres of people's lives in the West End. The urban renewal program was derived from the city's 1925 Master Plan and the 1948 Metropolitan Master Plan. What was lost was a neighborhood that was a vibrant community of a mix of residential, business, and institutional uses stretching from City Hall all the way to Union Terminal.

This once-vibrant African-American and Jewish neighborhood was flattened in the name of economic vitality and progress. To my knowledge, and despite my repeated requests, still to this day no sitting City of Cincinnati official has formally acknowledged or apologized to the people of the West End for this travesty. Many of the children who experienced displacement due to this urban renewal program are still alive and living in other parts of Cincinnati. I am sure they would appreciate acknowledgment and an apology.

Fast forward to today and there is a concerning set of text amendments emanating from City Hall that will make it easier to demolish our neighborhood business districts. Like all such efforts, it is cloaked in good intentions: to make it possible for the city's neighborhood business districts to redevelop in the name of economic vitality. The city's proposed legislation is to allow the Zoning Hearing Examiner to approve the demolition of buildings in 15 of our neighborhood business districts, including some of those most intact districts such as Hyde Park, Oakley, Mt. Lookout and Clifton in the name of economic vitality.

In short, the proposed legislation would allow the Zoning Hearing Examiner to approve a demolition if a property owner can prove that demolishing it would improve the economic vitality of the district. The current zoning laws require the city to condemn a building and order it demolished before it can be razed. A replacement building would not be required, which could result in newly created vacant lots (i.e., the proverbial "missing teeth" or "hole" in a neighborhood's fabric). While the Zoning Hearing Examiner would have the final say after hearing evidence from the property owner, this would inevitably lead to more neighborhood fights between community councils, neighborhood business associations, and property owners/developers. Strikingly, it is promoted in the name of economic vitality. According to the proposed legislation, other means of gaining approval to demolish existing buildings in neighborhood business districts would be to prove economic hardship of keeping the building or showing plans for a shiny new building to replace the old building (think the corporate headquarters

that was trotted out for replacement of the Dennison Hotel before the City allowed it to be razed for nothing – not surprisingly, still no corporate headquarters).

Community councils, neighborhood business associations, and community development corporations have been working for decades to fill in missing teeth and holes in neighborhood business districts such as Mt. Washington, Westwood, College Hill, and Bond Hill to name a few. Despite the significant efforts and progress, Over-the-Rhine is still about 50% of the built environment at its peak. The proposed text amendments would make it much easier to raze our business districts.

We must say “never again” to a demolition program in our city. Our city has thousands of scars of demolition past. In the words of Jane Jacobs, legislation based on economic vitality rationale is a “hoax.” And she warns, “Dull, inert cities, it is true, do contain the seeds of their own destruction and little else.” Please let us not plant any more seeds of destruction in Cincinnati. We aren’t a dull city, and we don’t want to become one.

I respectfully request that the proposed text amendments to Chapter 1437 be tabled until such time that the City completes new neighborhood business district inventories and plans for all 15 neighborhoods currently within Urban Design Overlay Districts.

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Sean S. Suder, Esq. is a resident of the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati and is Lead/Managing Principal of Cincinnati-based Suder, LLC and zoning consultancy ZoneCo, LLC.

**Opposition to the Proposed Text Amendments-CPC Hearing August 20, 2021
August 10, 2021**

Dear Members of the Cincinnati Planning Commission:

I am an architect working in the Pendleton Neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine. My comments are broken in to two sections:

Part 1: The proposed addition of Hotels and Commercial Lodging uses to Downtown Developments Subdistrict C

Part 2: The proposed new rules for Demolition in Urban Design Overlay Districts

Part 1

I am opposed to the proposal to permit the use of Hotels and Commercial Lodging on the property around the Casino - unless Parking would be required. Since this area is in the Parking Overlay District #1, as it stands - no parking would be required.

The casino area is directly across Reading Road from a dense residential area that has very scarce parking resources. We have seen from a recent 90-room hotel proposed on Central Parkway, by the Soccer stadium, that in OTR hotels may be proposed that do not providing parking.

Residents at this end of the Pendleton neighborhood are mostly low income, particularly in the E. 12th and 13th Streets blocks, from Broadway over to Reading Road. These residents rely on continued access to parking for access to good paying jobs throughout the region, groceries for families and more. Allowing hotels to be built across the street without providing parking will deprive the residents of nearby - safe parking, and will cause displacement of residents with limited resources.

The street parking in this area is full every evening and on weekends when workers have returned from work. These are same hours that hotels will need the most parking. See Photos beginning at next page.

In the walk shed calculated at a half-mile radius from the east end of East 12th Street, no off-street parking options exist—so where would current residents park if available street parking is taken by new hotel guests? Nearby parking and non-availability as of May 7, 2021:

- **Hard Rock Casino Parking Garage**
No monthly parking permits are sold nor offered for residents. The Casino only offers parking permits to businesses, and for Monday thru Friday at normal business hours. The remaining parking is for Casino Customers.
(per Yvonne (513-250-3384) accounting department at Hard Rock Casino)
- **Ziegler Park Garage**
\$105 per month, located one-half mile from Bennett Point, no reserved spaces, the garage is frequently full especially during weekends, evenings, special events. No reserved spaces even for monthly parking permit holders. (3CDC 513-621-4400)
- **Olde Sycamore Square**
All monthly lots are full (513-873-8001)



Across Reading Rd.-500 Block of E. 12th St. (Zoned RM 0.7) narrow one lane for traffic frequently blocked by double-parked vehicles making drop-offs and pick-ups, causing traffic back-ups. Parking filled by current residents returning from work every evening into morning and on weekends.



Across Reading Rd.-500 Block of E. 13th St. (Zoned RM 0.7), wider two lanes of traffic. But parking still full as described above.

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According to the 2019 ACS Census estimates, the Pendleton neighborhood (Census tract 11) of OTR is an area of concentrated poverty, where 36.6% of residents live below the poverty line - this is 1.4 times the rate of poverty in Cincinnati and twice the rate of poverty in Hamilton County. Further, more than half of workers over age 16 drive to work. Cincinnati's public transit system is not adequate to connect workers to good jobs throughout the region, and the area's residents rely upon on-street parking. **The rate of poverty is greater at this end of Pendleton, than in the neighborhood at large.**

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/14000US39061001100-census-tract-11-hamilton-oh/>

According to the 2015 Regional Indicator's Report on Transit for the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, only 22.5% of this region's jobs can be reached by a ninety minute or less bus ride (page 5), and the greater Cincinnati region "trails its peer cities when it comes to funding, ridership and access..."

<https://media.bizj.us/view/img/7599552/transitstudy.pdf>

If hotels are allowed to be built around the casino without being required to provide parking, hardships will be created for property owners and renters, many of whom already have enough challenges. Many longtime residents are already being pushed out of the neighborhood due to loss of parking by a recent onslaught of developments being built to double the allowable density without the provision of parking to offset the increased demand. This is worsening social conditions and destabilizing the neighborhood.

Part 2

I have been following the fight of Mount Lookout residents against an oversized, out of scale and incompatible development being proposed near their square. Even though, in this Urban Design Overlay District, the development does not comply with the City-approved design guidelines and needed many variances, such as large hillside cuts and more, the City seems determined to approve the project and force it upon the community.

The proposed new rules for Demolition in Urban Design Overlay Districts are too lenient. The second path for demolition seems most egregious and subjective. Demolition of a contributing building would be allowed with the simple provision that a new contributing building would be built in its place. The problem is that "contributing building" is too vague and subjective. And we have seen over and over again throughout the City, that City officials are not upholding the approved design guidelines in UDOD's and Historic Districts. Over and over again large developers are being granted almost every Variance they request, and being given preferential treatment above the enacted guidelines and community opposition and concerns. This will be very dangerous for communities throughout the City that have worked so hard to preserve their unique appeal and character.

I respectfully urge the Members of the Planning Commission to deny approval for the proposed zoning text amendments until they can be more narrowly tailored, so as to avoid negative impacts on the communities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Avery Keely, RA



MT. LOOKOUT
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
CINCINNATI-OHIO

September 6, 2021

To: Cincinnati City Planning

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss the possible changes to the proposed amendments pertaining standards related to the demolition of buildings within Urban Design Overlay Districts. We appreciate you listening to the feedback provided by the communities and working to find a balanced solution. The following comments have been reviewed and approved by our board:

We've seen that updated language to the Development Standards in UDODs is to be included in a public staff conference later this week on Sept. 15. We will be participating in that meeting, but wanted to share some of our thoughts and comments pertaining to our discussion with you beforehand.

COMMUNITY URBAN DESIGN PLANS ADDENDUMS

Our Planning & Zoning committee reviewed the idea we discussed with you to allow communities with an opportunity to create addendums for their urban design plans to more clearly define which specific buildings should be considered contributing and conforming. Is this still an option? If so, we had the following related questions/thoughts:

- It's our understanding that this is an interim measure to help communities clarify their existing Urban Plans between now and the time a full plan update can be completed. Is this correct?
- We like the idea of these addendums as they could help alleviate some of the judgement calls and disagreements we've seen take place related to defining the physical character of the district and other contributing features. Also, we noted in the B version of the updated language that proposed revisions call out scale, bulk, shape, and massing as compatibility factors. **We'd like the City to consider adding "height" to this list as well (while we thought scale and bulk would cover height, we've experienced that this is not necessarily the case)**
- Creation of the addendum does not address our concerns related to the language outlined in B version §1437-09 (i) D1 bullet 2, which says that demolition of a building could be approved if doing so "will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district . . ." This phrasing is still too subjective and allows ANY building – even contributing buildings - to be demolished if the replacement building is considered to be contributing. **Some level of protection needs to remain for the existing contributing buildings that helped define the district in the first place.**
- For Mt. Lookout specifically (and likely for other communities):
 - We think it would be beneficial to the city, our community, and to prospective developers to use this addendum opportunity to also better define the terms "consistent" and "compatible" referenced in our urban plan. We've experienced outside parties interpreting these terms differently than we define them and clarifying would be in everyone's interest.
 - We are aware of developer interest in multiple redevelopment opportunities in our Square. **Can we apply an IDC or some such protection to give us time to work with the City on developing the addendum before new applications come on line?**
 - We assume that the addendum would be developed as a joint effort between the MLCC and appropriate city personnel. Is this correct? If so, do you have any thoughts on what the process might look like?

ZBA REVIEW OF UDOD DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

We appreciate the suggestion of moving the demolition decision from a single individual to a group. We also think the proposed Urban Plan addendums will also help make related decisions easier to make, providing the group with less room for interpretation. We do have a few related questions:

- In reading the B revision to §1437-11, it appears that if an application includes other variance requests or zoning relief in addition to a demolition review, the ZBA would hear all elements of the application. **In other words, the application review would not be split between the ZBA and ZHE. Is this correct?** We are concerned about the impacts in terms of cost and time if application reviews are split.
- How does the City select ZBA representatives, what are the requirements and how frequently are new members added? The current board appears to include real estate attorneys and specialists, but there doesn't seem to be anyone focused on communities' interests. How would that person (or persons) be added?
- Just a note: As discussed with you previously, the process associated with ZHE/ZBA hearings create an unbalanced playing field for community councils. Property owners/developers wishing to redevelop parcels in a UDOD inevitably have legal counsel leading their case, which gives them the privilege of cross-examination and making closing statements, not to mention legal expertise. Community councils aren't provided with these opportunities unless they enlist the services of an attorney, which can be cost-prohibitive. As such, many have to forego attorney services and therefore are at disadvantage in these cases. **Many communities (including ours) are calling for modifications that will make this a more balanced process.**

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

We support removing the economic hardship clause from the proposed zoning code amendments and thank you for doing so. Just out of curiosity, **is economic hardship is addressed in any other section of the zoning code?**

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us and discuss community concerns related to these zoning code changes. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

Sincerely,


Rob Pasquinucci
MLCC President

EXHIBIT D

Zoning Board of Appeals Information

This document responds to questions regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and its composition that were posed during and after the September 15, 2021 Virtual Public Staff Conference on proposed text amendments to the Urban Design Overlay District review standards.

Article XXX, Section 6 of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati established the Zoning Board of Appeals. For more information, please visit the link below (see “Helpful Links”).

Are two of the ZBA members required to be representatives of community councils?

Pursuant to Article XXX, Section 6 of the Administrative Code, the ZBA must contain “Two persons active in a community organization which is recognized by the council as a representative of a Cincinnati neighborhood.” This allows for membership of two persons from neighborhood organizations including community councils, community development corporations, and other neighborhood organizations. The two ZBA members from neighborhood organizations are not required to hold an official position or be an official representative of that organization, but they do need to be active in the organization.

Are any of the current ZBA members representatives of community councils?

When Michael Moran was appointed to the ZBA his resume indicated that he was the treasurer for Clifton Town Meeting. When Jason Chamlee was appointed to the ZBA as an alternate he was the board president of the Pleasant Ridge Development Corporation.

Are there ZBA vacancies at the moment?

Below is a list of current vacancies by role:

- 1 for architect
- 1 for architect (alternate)
- 1 for persons active in a community organization (alternate)
- 1 for attorney (alternate)
- 1 for person engaged in the real estate, development, or construction industry real estate (alternate)

How are ZBA vacancies posted/advertised?

The ZBA membership application is posted on the City’s ZBA website (see “Helpful Links” below).

Who are the ZBA members and when do their terms expire?

The table below includes a list of ZBA members and information about their term:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Begins</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Term</i>
Jonathan Bennie (Community)	03/20/2019	03/19/2022	First
Michael Moran (Community)	03/20/2019	03/19/2022	Second
Emily Supinger (Attorney)(Vice Chair)	03/20/2019	03/19/2022	Second
Jessica Powell (Real Estate)	05/15/2019	05/15/2022	First
Bob Zielasko (Urban Planner)	03/20/2019	03/19/2022	Second
City Planning Commissioner	Rotating	Rotating	
Jason Chamlee (Community)(Alternate)	05/15/2019	05/15/2022	First
Diana Vakharia (Urban Planner) (Alternate)	05/15/2019	05/15/2022	Second

Helpful Links

- Article XXX Section 6 of the Administrative Code
https://library.municode.com/oh/cincinnati/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=THADCO_ARTXXXADBO_S6Z_OBOAP
- Zoning Board of Appeals website
<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings/hearings-appeals/zoning-board-of-appeals/>
- Zoning Board of Appeals application
<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/digs/commission/index.cfm?action=main.apply>

Additional Correspondence

McLean, Samantha

From: Laura Whitman <laurawmlcc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 12:15 AM
To: McLean, Samantha
Cc: Brian Spitler; Peppers, Alex
Subject: Re: [External Email] Notice of City Planning Commission - Proposed Text Amendments (UDOD Review Standards)

Hi Samantha -

Although I'm going to try and tune in tomorrow morning, I don't know that I will be able to stay on the whole time and speak due to my scheduled commitments. With that in mind, I am hoping that you would be able to print out my comments below and share them with the Planning Commission members. I'm sorry that I missed the submission date - I've been dealing with family issues that have taken me out of town this week and kept my focus on other things.

Thank you for your assistance,
Laura

I appreciate the compromises that have been proposed by the City Planning and Law team and thank everyone for their efforts. However, I still have one major objection to an important piece of the proposed legislation: B version, §1437-09 (i) D1 bullet 2, which says that demolition of a building could be approved if doing so "will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district . . ."

As it is written, this clause is a bypass of UDOD development standards. It will allow ANY building in an Urban Design Overlay District to be demolished – even if the building is an original, contributing structure that has helped define the character of the district. There is no requirement included in the clause to assess the aesthetic or structure value of the building. **As such, it is essentially a blank check to demolish and replace character-defining buildings without any attempt to evaluate its contribution to the district.** This clause needs to be modified to require that the building has not been identified by the community as a contributing building. If not, then demolition consideration can proceed. If it has, then prior to considering demolition:

- a) A documented evaluation of the aesthetic value of the building proposed for demolition must be completed by City personnel (not the proposer) and made available for community review input, or
- b) Opportunities to modify and reuse of the interior of the structure (and leave the exterior intact) must be assessed and made available for community review and input.

If these modifications (or something similar) are not made to the text of the proposed clause, then it should be removed from the development standards to prevent it being used as a tool to ignore the purpose and intent of Urban Design Overlay Districts.

Laura Whitman

Mt. Lookout

On Sep 30, 2021, at 8:57 AM, McLean, Samantha <Samantha.McLean@cincinnati-oh.gov> wrote:

Hi Laura,

Would you like to speak or just tune in to listen? If you'd like to speak, we will send you the Zoom link. If you'd like to just tune in to listen, it will be livestreamed on Citicable at [Cincinnati-oh.gov/citicable](https://cincinnati-oh.gov/citicable).

Best,
Samantha

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Whitman <laurawmlcc@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:15 PM

To: McLean, Samantha <Samantha.McLean@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc: Brian Spitler <briankspitler@gmail.com>

Subject: [External Email] Re: Notice of City Planning Commission - Proposed Text Amendments (UDOD Review Standards)

External Email Communication

Hi Samantha -

Thank you for your follow up. Unfortunately, I am out of town this week and will likely not be able to attend the meeting on Friday as I have a 10 am appt. But just in case, can you send me a link? I'll try to tune in if I am able. Thank you again!

Laura

On Sep 29, 2021, at 11:09 AM, McLean, Samantha <Samantha.McLean@cincinnati-oh.gov> wrote:

<image001.jpg><Text Amendment - City Planning Commission Notice (10.01.2021).pdf>

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Cincinnati, OH 45220

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Cincinnati, OH 45224

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