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**Reggie Harris**  
Councilmember

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## MOTION

### *Oakley Community Urban Parking Overlay*

**WE MOVE** that the Administration work with the Oakley Community Council (OCC) to implement an Urban Parking Overlay in the Oakley Neighborhood Business Districts in accordance with the attached letter from OCC. We request that this ordinance be sponsored by the cosignatories of this motion in the interest of not placing a cost burden on the community.

Councilmember Reggie Harris

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

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## STATEMENT

An Urban Parking Overlay is a zoning overlay that removes parking requirements from the zoning code within a specific geographic area. Parking requirements require most housing developments and businesses to provide a certain number of parking spaces corresponding to their housing development/business. This is a burden for small businesses and at times prevents economic

development from getting off the ground. By implementing an Urban Parking Overlay in Oakley, the City will support Oakley's efforts to continue to grow its business district and thrive as a community.

The City of Cincinnati has implemented three Urban Parking Overlay Districts: District #1 covers Downtown, Over-the-Rhine, Pendleton, and parts of Mt. Auburn and West End, and District #2 covers a large portion of Camp Washington, and District #3 along Linn Street in the West End. These two districts were approved on September 19, 2019, and June 23, 2021, respectively.

The Oakley Community Council reached out to Councilmember Jeffreys' and Councilmember Harris' offices in May of 2023 to discuss the possibility of sponsoring an Urban Parking Overlay in their neighborhood. The Oakley Community Council then provided the letter of support (attached) which clearly outlines the boundaries and scope of the proposed UPO. It also outlines the extensive engagement undertaken to advance this proposal, including specific callouts to the alignment with the Oakley Master Plan (2019).

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