

SUBJECT: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a release of an easement for public walkway encumbering property owned by The Zoological Society of Cincinnati at 3427 Vine Street in Clifton.

BACKGROUND: The Zoological Society of Cincinnati (the “Zoological Society”) purchased the property located at 3427 Vine Street (the “Property”) for public parking for the Cincinnati Zoo. The Property is encumbered by a public walkway easement (the “Easement”) in favor of the City of Cincinnati. The Zoological Society has requested a release of the Easement to facilitate construction of the new parking lot and pedestrian access to the new parking lot. The Department of transportation and Engineering has determined that the Easement is no longer needed and has approved its release. A coordinated report was circulated and no objections were raised to releasing the Easement. The Zoological Society has deposited \$1,600, the fair market value of the release of the Easement, with City Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of the Department of Community Development and Planning recommends the City Planning Commission take the following action:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a release of an easement for public walkway encumbering property owned by The Zoological Society of Cincinnati at 3427 Vine Street in Clifton, which interest is not needed for any municipal purpose.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

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