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August 8, 2023
Sent Electronically:

Re: Solicitation & Panhandling

Dear Members of Council:

Our great community of Clifton has benefited for many years from a complete, compact, vibrant, eclectic and creative business district as demonstrated by the map attached. The quasi totality of the merchants are small businesses (not chain stores) fulfilling their "American Dream". Many merchants are not American-born, paralleling the cultural diversity of our neighborhood.

Recuperating from COVID has not been easy, despite the continued support of the neighborhood. One difficulty is the management of the panhandling issue regulated by Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 910-12. The Code is simply unworkable, as it leaves a lot to interpretation. The main problem is the interpretation of:

(d)It is unlawful for any person to solicit in an aggressive manner, including any of the following actions:

- 1. Soliciting in a manner that impedes access to or from, or use of a building, vehicle or establishment;*
- 2. Soliciting in a manner that would alarm, intimidate, threaten, menace, harass, or coerce a reasonable person;*

This statement is unworkable. When confronted by a police officer, panhandlers are often stating that they are not aggressive and are not impeding.

A simple modification to the Code would be to add:

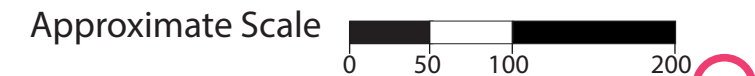
- 3. Soliciting within 10' of the door/access of a Facility.*

Please consider this change to help your hardworking some businesses that contribute so much to the Quality of Life of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Gérald Checco, *President*

Clifton Business District



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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 01 Clifton Dental | 10 The Tap Room | 19 Clifton Natural Food | 28 Lentz & Cie. | 37 Personalities | 49 Fire House | 61 Dewey's |
| 02 US Bank | 11 Habanero's | 20 Graeter's Ice Cream | 29 Clifton Barbers | 38 Kilimanjaro | 50 Shell Gas Station | 62 Paolo |
| 03 PNC Bank | 12 Torn Light Records | 21 Gaslight Bar & Grill | 30 Alive & Well | 39 Biagio's Bistro | 51 Howell Ave. Pet Hospital | 63 Jagdeep |
| 04 Superior Credit Union | 13 Ambar | 22 Brown Travels | 31 VADA Gallery | 40 Adrian Durban | 52 Petey's Pet Stop | 64 272 Bakery |
| 05 Improv Cincinnati | 14 ACE | 23 Off Ludlow Gallery | 32 Pangea | 41 Upside Brew | 53 UDF | 65 World Peace Yoga |
| 06 CVS Pharmacy | 15 It's Yoga | 24 Sustainable Smiles | 33 Sitwell's Act2 | 42 Toko Baru | 54 Bruegger's | 66 Public Library |
| 07 Hansa Guid | 16 Ludlow Garage | 25 Proud Rooster | 34 Esquire Theatre | 43 Maya | 55 Makin's Heads Turn | 67 Trailside Nature Center |
| 08 The Whole Bowl | 17 Bohemian Hookah | 26 Ludlow Wines | 35 Los Potrillos | 44 Auntie Apple | 56 Baladi | 68 --- |
| 09 US Post Office | 18 D. Raphael | 27 Ajeet India | 36 Wonderland | 45 Clifton Market | 57 Clifton Nails | |
| | | | | 46 Semesters | 58 Clifton Cultural Arts | |
| | | | | 47 Born to Lose | 59 Skyline Chili | |
| | | | | 48 Arlin's | 60 J. Gumbo | |



No solicitation allowed:

- CBA Security Cameras
- Public Sidewalk
- No solicitation: 20' crosswalk
- No solicitation: Bank Area
- No solicitation: Bus Stop

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