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Foreword

This is the Official City Plan of the City of Cincinnati.

The result of the labor of many hands, of years of collection and study of data and of constant and painstaking consideration and revision, it is presented to the citizens of Cincinnati as an earnest, sincere attempt to plan for the orderly development of the city during the fifty years to come.

The City Planning Commission which has prepared this report makes no claim to infallibility. With the assistance of engineers skilled in city planning, of advisors learned in the law pertaining to municipal government and all other matters involved herein, it has striven to foresee and make provision for those things which shall tend to increase the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, beauty and general welfare of Cincinnati as a home for its citizens. To what extent this endeavor has succeeded, only the passing of years can tell.

The report is necessarily only an epitome of the studies upon which it is based. In addition thereto however, much data has been collected and many calculations and studies made, all of which, with accompanying maps, charts and other documents, are preserved, and on file for consultation in the office of the Planning Commission in the building of the Board of Park Commissioners.

The Building Zone Ordinance printed herein as Appendix B is an integral part of the City Plan. This was adopted by the City on April 1, 1924, and is proving a vital and efficient force in the orderly growth of the city.

The Program of Improvements as set forth herein does not contemplate immediate large expenditures of money nor increase in taxes. An effort has been made rather to distribute the proposed improvements over a long period of years, to arrange them in order of necessity or desirability, and to point out particularly those which, in the opinion of the Commission, founded upon reasons explained in each instance in the text, should be undertaken immediately or in the very near future. Those improvements which are of immediate, vital importance are enumerated in a separate chapter at the end of the report.

Suggestions are made herein of development of Regional or County Planning. This should go forward in the interest of proper development of the metropolitan area embracing Cincinnati and the communities adjacent to it.

The City Planning Commission has been assisted in the preparation of this report by many people and in many ways. It acknowledges, gratefully, its obligation to the officials not only of Cincinnati but of neighboring communities for their cordial co-operation; to the Municipal Art Society, whose interesting plan of 1921 has proved most valuable and whose activity in conserving and increasing the beauty of the city should never be relaxed; to the United City Planning Committee and its component organizations, and the generous citizens who by their contributions through that committee made the preparation of this plan possible; also to the many civic organizations that have shown, through the United City Planning Committee, a particular interest in the City Plan.

This City Plan and Program, the first officially adopted by any city in the United States of the size of Cincinnati or larger, is now the law of the city.