

Cincinnati Police Department will eliminate District 5 by end of year

Description

This is an excerpt from a recent story on public radio, WVXU 91.7FM published on May 9, 2023.

A restructuring of the Cincinnati Police Department will eliminate District 5 and move the neighborhoods in that area to other districts by the end of the year, officials announced Tuesday.

The new map includes four districts plus the Central Business Section, down from five districts plus CBS. The plan avoids the need for a new District 5 headquarters, after years of debate over where to put one and how to pay for the \$20 million to \$30 million cost of a new facility.

City Manager Sheryl Long says the lease for the current District 5 facility — in a strip mall on Hamilton Ave. in College Hill — will expire at the end of the year.

"Facilities issues in District 5 have persisted for many years and the current location of the District 5 headquarters is a temporary space that does not fully meet the needs of the department," Long said. "City leadership has spent months studying data to determine how best to deploy police resources and continue providing the best services to our communities ... through that process, the path forward became clear."

Police Chief Teresa Theetge will host two town hall meetings in June to answer public questions:

- Wednesday, June 7, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the College Hill Recreation Center
- Tuesday, June 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Winton Hills Recreation Center

Please visit the WVXU 91.7FM website to read or listen to the rest of this story: <u>Cincinnati Police</u> District 5 will be absorbed into other districts by the end of the year

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