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Official Proceedings City Council

Cleveland, Ohio
Monday, April 21, 2025

The meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with the President of Council, Blaine A. Griffin, in the Chair.

Council Members present: Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Deborah A. Gray, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony T. Hairston, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse-Jones, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Danny Kelly, Rebecca Maurer, Kerry McCormack, Michael D. Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Charles Slife, Jenny Spencer, Richard A. Starr.

Also present were: Mayor Bibb; Chiefs Barrett, Davy, Griffin, Johnson, Pomerantz, Pryor-Jones, Teeuwen, Wernet; Directors Cole, Crowe, DeRosa, Drummond, Hernandez, Martin O'Toole, McNair, Mitchell, Nichols, O'Keeffe, Shute-Woodson, Williams.

MOTION

Council Members, Administration, Staff, and those in the audience rose for a moment of silent reflection, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION

On the motion of Council Member Maurer, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the journal approved. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

Communications

File No. 552-2025

From The Independent Monitoring Team for the Consent Decree. 16th Semiannual Report (June 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024). Received.

From Ohio Division of Liquor Control**File No. 526-2025**

#1789449. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6. Coyoacan Taqueria & Brew LLC, 13133 Shaker Square (Ward 4). Received.

File No. 553-2025

#4004382. Transfer of Ownership Application, D2 D2X D3 D3A D6. Icon Acquisitions LLC, 211 Center Street (Ward 3). Received.

File No. 554-2025

#31980590005. New License Application, D3A. Ginsburg LLC, 3232 Lakeside Avenue (Ward 7). Received.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ceremonial Resolutions

Ceremonial resolutions are used by Council to recognize dignitaries and community members, and their accomplishments.

Resolutions of Condolence

The Rules were suspended, and the following Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

Griffin	Res. No. 541-2025	Curtis Lee Houston, Sr.
All Members of Council	Res. No. 555-2025	Pope Francis
Griffin	Res. No. 556-2025	Jon Boyd

Resolutions of Congratulations

The rules were suspended, and the following Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

Polensek	Res. No. 542-2025	Faith United Baptist Church
Polensek	Res. No. 543-2025	Reverend Joseph Bacevice
Howse-Jones	Res. No. 544-2025	Senior Transportation Connection
McCormack	Res. No. 545-2025	Frank and Janice Rose Tkacz – 50 th Anniversary
Kazy Grand Opening	Res. No. 546-2025	Loco Mango Restaurant



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Resolutions of Recognition

The Rules were suspended, and the following Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

Griffin	Res. No. 547-2025	Eleanore Elizabeth Hilow
Griffin	Res. No. 548-2025	2025 Inclusiv Conference

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading Emergency Ordinances Referred

An ordinance is a City law written and enacted by City Council. Ordinances govern the actions, responsibilities and tax dollars of residents, businesses, organizations, city departments and visitors in Cleveland. Ordinances can be written and passed to address issues about housing, safety, public services, employment, the City budget and economic development. Many ordinances authorize the City to spend money on contracts and projects that support the mission of the City of Cleveland.

Ordinances are effective 30 days after passage. Emergency ordinances take effect immediately upon the Mayor's signature or 10 days after passage.

Under the Charter, legislation cannot be passed until it has been read on three separate days, unless this requirement is dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the Council. This is known as passing legislation "under suspension." Ordinances may be passed under suspension after either the first or second reading.

If not passed under suspension after the first reading, the legislation is then sent to the appropriate City departments for review.

These ordinances were read for the first time on Monday, April 21, 2025, and referred to the appropriate City departments and Council Committees for review.

Click on an ordinance below to read it:

[Ord. No. 527-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 533-2025](#)

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[Ord. No. 531-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 551-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 532-2025](#)

Ordinance No. 527-2025

By Council Members: Kazy and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend section 1 of Ordinance No 1086-2023, passed November 13, 2023, relating to authorizing the general fund to receive and use revenue from tax remittances collected by Cleveland Public Power during the years 2024 and 2025, and transferring 100% of tax remittances collected in both years back to Cleveland Public Power, to extend through additional years.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 1086-2023, passed November 13, 2023, this Council authorized, among other things, Cleveland Public Power to receive from the general fund an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax remittances due the City collected in 2024, and to be collected in 2025 by Cleveland Public Power, under Section 5727.81 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, legislative authority is necessary to provide that the general fund shall receive all tax remittances collected by Cleveland Public Power during 2026 and 2027 and transfer 100% of the tax remittances collected in 2026 and 2027 back to Cleveland Public Power; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1086-2023, passed November 13, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That as an exception to Ordinance No. 910-98, passed February 14, 2000, as amended by Ordinance No. 1886-02, passed October 28, 2002, partially repealed by Ordinance No. 2068-05, passed November 21, 2005; Ordinance No. 2088-03, passed October 27, 2003; Ordinance No. 2197-04, passed January 10, 2005; Ordinance No. 158-06, passed March 20, 2006; Ordinance No. 1842-06, passed February 5, 2007; Ordinance No. 1768-07, passed December 10, 2007; Ordinance No. 1248-09, passed September 28, 2009; Ordinance No. 1560-10, passed November 29, 2010; Ordinance No. 193-13, passed March 18, 2013; Ordinance No. 1350-14, passed December 1, 2014; Ordinance No. 103-17, passed April 3, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 1311-17, passed December 4, 2017; Ordinance No. 1152-2019, passed October 28, 2019; and Ordinance No. 779-2021, passed October 25, 2021, the general fund shall receive all tax remittances collected under Section 5727.81 of the Revised Code during calendar years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and shall transfer 100% of the tax remittances collected in 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 back to Cleveland Public Power.

Section 2. That existing Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1086-2023, passed November 13, 2023, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Public Utilities; Finance; and Law; Committees on Utilities; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 528-2025

By Council Members: Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 443-2019, passed April 22, 2019, relating to Director's Powers and Duties.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 443-2019, passed April 22, 2019, is amended to read as follows:

125.01 *Director's Powers and Duties*

(a) The work of the Department of Law shall be distributed between a civil branch and a criminal branch. The Director of Law shall supervise and control the Department. He or she may appoint such number of Assistant Directors of Law as he or she deems necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the civil branch, whose appointments shall be subject to the approval of Council; three (3) of whom he or she may designate as Chief Counsel, Chief Trial Counsel and Chief Corporate Counsel, and not to exceed eight (8) of whom he or she may designate as Chief Assistant Director of Law.

(b) The Director shall be the Prosecuting Attorney of the Municipal Court, pursuant to the provisions of Charter Section [84](#). He or she may also designate not more than twenty-seven (27) assistant prosecutors, whose appointments shall be subject to the approval of Council; two (2) of whom may be designated, respectively, as Chief Assistant Prosecutor and First Assistant Prosecutor; and three (3) of whom may be designated as Deputy Assistant Prosecutor.

(c) The Director is authorized to employ such number of clerks, stenographers and persons in other classifications as he or she may deem necessary.

Section 2. That the existing Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 443-2019, passed April 22, 2019, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Referred to the Directors of Finance; and Law; Committee on Finance,
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.**

Ordinance No. 529-2025

By Council Members: Kazy and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the second option to renew Contract Nos. PS 2023-175 with Amsive LLC and PS 2023-262 with KUBRA Data Transfer Ltd. to provide professional consultants to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities.

WHEREAS, under the authority of Ordinance No. 534-2022, passed June 6, 2022, the Director of Public Utilities entered into Contract Nos. PS 2023-175 with Amsive LLC and PS 2023-262 with KUBRA Data Transfer Ltd. to provide professional consultants to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities, for the Divisions of Water and Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 534-2022 requires further legislation before exercising the second option to renew these contracts; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is authorized to exercise the second option to renew Contract Nos. PS 2023-175 with Amsive LLC and PS 2023-262 with KUBRA Data Transfer Ltd. to provide professional consultants to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities, for the Divisions of Water and Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities. This ordinance constitutes the additional legislative authority required by Ordinance No. 534-2022 to exercise these options.

Section 2. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Public Utilities; Finance; and Law; Committees on Utilities; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 530-2025

By Council Members: Maurer, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a Donor Advised Fund Agreement with The Cleveland Foundation to establish, manage, and implement a Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund to provide grants for programs and initiatives serving Cleveland residents and nonprofit organizations, supporting economic and community development projects in the Slavic Village neighborhood, including gap financing, predevelopment costs, and other neighborhood improvements.

WHEREAS, Slavic Village is a neighborhood located on the southeast side of the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a long-term fund to be held and administered by The Cleveland Foundation with an initial endowment amount of \$1,000,000, comprising contributions of \$400,000 from the City of Cleveland, \$400,000 from Third Federal Foundation, \$200,000 from The Cleveland Foundation and attracting other private and public resources (the “Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund”) to provide grants for programs and initiatives serving Cleveland residents and nonprofit organizations, supporting economic and community development projects in the Slavic Village neighborhood, including gap financing, predevelopment costs, and other neighborhood improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund will be guided by an advisory board with representatives from The Cleveland Foundation, Third Federal Foundation, local businesses, and Slavic Village residents; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That, for the purposes stated in this ordinance, the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into a Donor Advised Fund Agreement with The Cleveland Foundation to establish, manage and implement the Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund to provide grants for programs and initiatives serving Slavic Village residents and nonprofit organizations for the purposes stated in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the Donor Advised Fund Agreement shall be substantially in the same form as the agreement contained in **File No. 530-2025-A**.

Section 3. That the costs of the agreement shall not exceed \$400,000.00, and shall be paid from Fund Nos. 10 SF 166 and 01-9501-6926. (RQS 9501, RL 2025-39)

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Economic Development; Finance; and Law; Committees on Development, Planning and Sustainability; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 531-2025

By Council Members: McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants, computer software developers, or vendors, or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors necessary to provide an airport runway incursion prevention and management system and related services, for a period of one year, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to employ by contract or contracts, one or more consultants, computer software developers, or vendors, or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland, in order to provide professional services necessary to provide an airport runway incursion prevention and management system which will include equipment, services, software, subscriptions, installation and training, and other related services, for a period of one year, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

The selection of the consultant or consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Port Control, from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Port Control for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Port Control, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to enter into any third-party software license agreements necessary to effect the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 3. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Port Control may sign all documents that are necessary to obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 4. That the cost of the contract or contracts authorized shall be paid from Fund Nos. 60 SF 001 and 60 SF 141. (RQS 3001, RL 2025-35)

Section 5. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Port Control; Finance; and Law; Committees on Transportation and Mobility; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 532-2025

By Council Members: Kazy and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to employ one or more professional consultants to assist in the management of Program Year 4 of the City’s project of replacing various lead and galvanized service lines; authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement and/or standard contracts of copper service lines, copper connections, and related appurtenances, including but not limited to materials, labor and installation, if necessary, for the Division of Water; and authorizing the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance to apply for and accept one or more Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loans, grants and other funding.

WHEREAS, the recently passed Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), has set aside \$15 billion for lead-line removal nationally over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s share of the money is estimated at \$738 million, which will be administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (the “Ohio EPA”) in five (5) annual rounds (“Program Years”); and

WHEREAS, the City will apply for funding for Program Year 4, to replace various lead and galvanized service lines that run from the water main to the curb stop valve, and when necessary, from the curb stop valve into the building up to the meter setting, with copper service lines and copper connections, for the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is authorized to employ by contract or contracts, one or more consultants or one or more firms of consultants, for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland, in order to provide professional services to assist in the management of the Project, including but not limited to, designing, inspecting, performing a lead inventory, and other related services needed to implement the Project.

The selection of the consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Public Utilities, from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Public Utilities, for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts

authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Public Utilities, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That the Director of Public Utilities is authorized to make one or more written requirement and/or standard contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, for the requirements for a period to be determined by the Director of Public Utilities, of the necessary items of copper service lines, copper connections, and other necessary appurtenances needed to implement the Project, including but not limited to, materials, labor and installation, as necessary, for the Division of Water, and concrete repair, tree lawn restoration, and pavement restoration, including but not limited to, materials, labor and installation, as necessary, for the Division of Water, in the approximate amount as purchased during the preceding term, to be purchased by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies on a unit basis. Bids shall be taken in a manner that permits an award to be made for all items as a single contract, or by separate contract for each or any combination of the items as the Board of Control determines.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance is authorized to apply for and accept one or more Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority, the Ohio EPA or other appropriate state agency. The Director or Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance has applied for, or intends to apply for, Ohio funding for the following list of projects, and they may not perform all of these projects, depending in part on the level of state funding received:

PROJECT	
CWD LSLR 4-1	CWD LSLR 4-12
CWD LSLR 4-2	CWD LSLR 4-13
CWD LSLR 4-3	CWD LSLR 4-14
CWD LSLR 4-4	CWD LSLR 4-15
CWD LSLR 4-5	CWD LSLR 4-16
CWD LSLR 4-6	CWD LSLR 4-17
CWD LSLR 4-7	CWD LSLR 4-18
CWD LSLR 4-8	CWD LSLR 4-19
CWD LSLR 4-9	CWD LSLR 4-20
CWD LSLR 4-10	CWD LSLR 4-21
CWD LSLR 4-11	CWD LSLR 4-22

Section 4. That the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance is authorized to enter into one or more loan agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority, the Ohio EPA or other appropriate state agency, for one or more WSRLA loans, which loan agreement or agreements may contain additional terms that are deemed acceptable by the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance and the Director of Law, to protect the public interest. The Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance is further authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the WSRLA loan agreement or agreements, and appropriate the loan funds for the purposes set forth in the WSRLA loan agreement or agreements.

Section 5. That upon execution of the WSRLA loan agreement or agreements, the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance is authorized to repay the loan funds to the WSRLA, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the WSRLA loan agreement or agreements, from the operating revenues of the Division of Water.

Section 6. The Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance is authorized to apply for and accept grants, awards and other funding as it may become available from the State of Ohio and its state agencies, public agencies and/or pass-through entities approved by the governmental entity and that the appropriate Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant or grants, and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance. Such funds may be principal forgiveness or low-interest twenty-year loans.

Section 7. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the purchases and services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Utilities may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases and services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors or consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 8. That the costs of the requirement contract or contracts shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited the proceeds from the sale of future bonds, if issued for this purpose, from the fund or funds to which are credited any loan funds or grant proceeds received, and shall also be charged against the proper appropriation accounts and the Director of Finance shall certify the amount of any purchase under the contract, each of which purchases shall be made on order of the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies by a delivery order issued against the contract or contracts and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 9. That the cost of the professional services shall be paid from Fund No. 52 SF 001, Fund No. 52 SF 258, the fund or funds to which are credited the loan proceeds received under any WSRLA loan agreement, or from any other loan and grant funds received, or from the fund or funds to which are credited the proceeds from the sale of future bonds, if issued for this purpose, and from other funds approved by the Director of Finance. (RQN 2002, RL 2025-12)

Section 10. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Public Utilities; Finance; and Law; Committees on Utilities; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 533-2025

By Council Members: Kazy and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of petroleum-based fuels for various types of backup generators, including regular and emergency deliveries, purchases, rentals, maintenance and miscellaneous supporting services, for the various divisions of the Department of Public Utilities, for a period of two years.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is authorized to make one or more written requirement contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, for the requirements for a period of two years, of the necessary items of petroleum-based fuels for various types of backup generators, including regular and emergency deliveries, purchases, rentals, maintenance and miscellaneous supporting services, in the approximate amount as purchased during the preceding term, to be purchased by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies on a unit basis for the various divisions of the Department of Public Utilities. Bids shall be taken in a manner that permits an award to be made for all items as a single contract, or by separate contract for each or any combination of the items as the Board of Control determines. Alternate bids for a period less than the specified term may be taken if desired by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies until provision is made for the requirements for the entire term.

Section 2. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the purchases authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Utilities may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors selected through that cooperative process.

Section 3. That the costs of the contract or contracts shall be charged against the proper appropriation accounts, and the Director of Finance shall certify the amount of any purchase under the contract, each of which purchases shall be made on order of the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies by a delivery order issued against the contract or contracts and certified by the Director of Finance. (RQN 2002, RL 2025-18)

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Public Utilities; Finance; and Law; Committees on Utilities; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 534-2025

By Council Members: McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the purchase by one or more contracts for friction measuring equipment, including training, software and installation, for the Division of Airports, Department of Port Control.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to make one or more written contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, for each or all of the following items: friction measuring equipment, including training, software and installation, to be purchased by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies for a gross price, for the Division of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, Department of Port Control.

Section 2. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the purchases authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Port Control may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors selected through that cooperative process.

Section 3. That the cost of the contract or contracts authorized shall not exceed \$64,000, and shall be paid from Fund Nos. 60 SF 001 and 60 SF 141. (RQS 3001, RL 2025-36)

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Port Control; Finance; and Law; Committees on Transportation and Mobility; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 549-2025

By Council Members: Bishop and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 0103 PS 2021*0248 with Osborn Engineering, to provide additional services relating to the North Coast Connector Project, aka the Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector, to the Lakefront and other associated infrastructure.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 683-2021, passed September 27, 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 581-2024, passed June 3, 2024, and Ordinance No. 744-2024, passed August 7, 2024, this Council authorized the Director of Capital Projects to enter into various contracts for professional services, public improvements, design-build contracts, funding, right-of-way acquisition including, but not limited to, one or more contracts with Osborn Engineering Company (“Osborn”) for professional services necessary for traffic modeling and preliminary engineering, and other contracts necessary to implement the North Coast Connector Project, aka the Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector, to the Lakefront and other associated infrastructure (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 683-2021, the Director of Capital Projects entered into Contract No. CT 0103 PS 2021*0248 with Osborn for traffic modeling and preliminary engineering services, including a feasibility study and an alternative assessment for the Project (the “Osborn Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the City requires additional continuing services from Osborn necessary to complete the traffic modeling and preliminary engineering services for the Project and to advance the City’s preferred alternative for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Osborn has proposed by its February 3, 2025, letter and Scope of Services (“Proposal”) to perform the necessary additional continuing services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to modify the Osborn Contract to obtain the above-described additional continuing services; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to enter into a Fourth Modification to the Osborn Contract, substantially on the basis of Osborn’s Proposal, to continue Osborn’s traffic modeling and preliminary engineering services necessary for the Project and for additional services needed to advance the City’s preferred alternative for the Project. The additional services are needed from Osborn to receive the Ohio Department of Transportation’s and the Federal Highway Administration’s approvals of

an Alternatives Evaluation Report, to assist the City in preparing a design-build Request for Qualifications package, and to assist the City in identifying future needs to complete the Project. All other terms and conditions of the Osborn Contract not expressly modified by the Fourth Modification shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 2. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to enter into one or more grant agreements necessary to receive federal funds, previously applied for and accepted under the authority of Ordinance No. 683-2021, for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant in the amount of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000), and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant in the amount of Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000), both administered by U.S. Department of Transportation, to study, design, and construct the Project.

Section 3. That the Fourth Modification authorized above shall be prepared by the Director of Law and shall contain such additional provisions as the Director determines protect and benefit the City's interest.

Section 4. That the costs of the additional continuing services to be performed by Osborn under the Fourth Modification shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), and shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited any gift, grant, or other funds received under Ordinance No. 683-2021, as amended, cash matches and cash contributions accepted and appropriated under Ordinance No. 683-2021, as amended, Fund Nos. 20 SF 568, 20 SF 574, 20 SF 579, 20 SF 586, 20 SF 592, 20 SF 597, 20 SF 702, and any other funds approved by the Director of Finance, including future bond funds if issued for this purpose. (RQS 0103, RLA 2021-52)

Section 5. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Referred to the Directors of Capital Projects; Finance; and Law;
Committees on Municipal Services and Properties; and Finance, Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion.**

Ordinance No. 550-2025

By Council Members: Bishop and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into one or more contracts with Case Western Reserve University, to provide a youth summer sports, nutrition, health, and life skills development program for 2025, under the National Youth Sports Program supported by Case Western Reserve University.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Case Western Reserve University (“CWRU”) for the public purpose of providing Cleveland youths with a summer sports, nutrition, health, and life skills development program for 2025, under the National Youth Sports Program supported by CWRU.

Section 2. That the cost of the contract or contracts shall not exceed \$150,000, and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-4503-6380. (RQS 4503, RL 2025-03)

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Parks and Recreation; Finance; and Law; Committees on Municipal Services and Properties; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinance No. 551-2025

By Council Members: Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, to employ one or more professional consultants, computer software developers, or vendors, or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors necessary for a customer relationship management software system, and other related professional services, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate; and to enter into various contracts to implement this ordinance.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Innovation and Technology or the Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, is authorized to employ by contract or contracts, one or more consultants, computer software developers, or vendors, or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors, for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland, in order to provide professional services necessary for a customer relationship management software system, including acquiring licenses and/or to develop and implement one or more software systems, and to obtain project management services, business analysis, software implementation and configuration, development, end user and technical staff training, system design, data conversion, report development and technical administration, maintenance services, upgrades, integration, and enhancements and other related professional services, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Innovation and Technology.

Section 2. That the selection of the consultant(s), computer software developer(s), or vendor(s) for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Innovation and Technology or the Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Innovation and Technology or the Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 3. That the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, is authorized to make one or more written standard purchase or lease contracts and one or more written requirement purchase or lease contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the period of requirements to be determined by the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, for the necessary items of the materials, equipment, supplies, and services needed to implement this ordinance, including but not limited to, the purchase, lease, or license of computer and technology hardware, software, software licenses, software upgrades, appurtenances, supplies, and training materials which are not obtained under Section 1 of this ordinance, to be purchased or procured by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies on a unit basis for the Department of Innovation and Technology or Department of Economic Development, as appropriate. Bids shall be taken in a manner that permits an award to be made for all items as a single contract, or by separate contract for each or any combination of the items as the Board of Control determines.

Section 4. That the costs of the requirement contract or contracts shall be charged against the proper appropriation accounts and the Director of Finance shall certify the amount of any purchase or procurement under the contract or contracts, each of which purchases or procurements shall be made on order of the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, by a delivery order issued against the contract or contracts and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 5. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the purchases and/or services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases and/or obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors and/or consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 6. That the cost of the contracts authorized by this ordinance shall be paid from Fund Nos. 11 SF 006 and 20 SF 715. (RQS 1601, RL 2025-45).

Section 7. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Innovation and Technology; Economic Development; Finance; and Law; Committees on Development, Planning and Sustainability; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

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Ordinances are effective 30 days after passage. Emergency ordinances take effect immediately upon the Mayor's signature or 10 days after passage.

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These ordinances were read for the first time on Monday, April 21, 2025, the rules were suspended, and the legislation was passed by an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members elected to Council.

Click on an ordinance below to read it:

[Ord. No. 535-2025](#)

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Ordinance No. 535-2025**By Council Member:** Griffin

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with Shoestring Productions for temporary use of the Council Chamber for filming certain scenes of a movie.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Clerk of Council is authorized to enter into an agreement with Shoestring Productions (“Company”) for temporary use of the Council Chamber (“Chamber”) to film certain scenes of a movie. Company shall use the Chamber on June 20, 2025, for no longer than 6 hours, including set-up and dismantling of equipment.

The Company shall maintain general liability insurance in the amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, and identify the City of Cleveland, its officers, employees and agents, as additional insured. The use agreement shall contain such other terms and conditions necessary to protect and benefit the public interest.

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinance No. 536-2025**By Council Member:** Conwell

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreement with the Famicos Foundation for the public purpose of providing the E. 105 Safety and Security Program through the use of Ward 9 Neighborhood Equity Funds.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with Famicos Foundation for the public purpose of providing a security and safety program by providing funding through the use of Ward 9 Neighborhood Equity Funds.

Section 2. That the cost of said contract shall be in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and shall be paid from Fund No. 10 SF 188 using the fund and project number from the following Ward:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project Number</u>
Ward 9	\$100,000.00	G24323

Section 3. That the Law Department has reviewed and approved this proposal on April 16, 2025. The Department has reviewed and approved the proposal on April 10, 2025. Project shall begin as of June 1, 2025.

Section 4. That the Director of Law shall prepare and approve said contract and that the contract shall contain such terms and provisions as deemed necessary to protect the City's interest.

Section 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinance No. 537-2025**By Council Member:** Spencer

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Health to enter into agreement with Thrive For Change for the public purpose of providing a Community Overdose Prevention and Outreach Program through the use of Ward 15 Casino Revenue Funds.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Health is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with Thrive For Change for the public purpose of providing peer-led overdose prevention programming by providing funding through the use of Ward 15 Casino Revenue Funds.

Section 2. That the cost of said contract shall be in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, and shall be paid from Fund No. 10 SF 188 using the fund and project number from the following Ward:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project Number</u>
Ward 15	\$20,000.00	G25702

Section 3. That the Law Department has reviewed and approved this proposal on April 16, 2025. The Department has reviewed and approved the proposal on April 11, 2025. Project shall begin as of May 1, 2025.

Section 4. That the Director of Law shall prepare and approve said contract and that the contract shall contain such terms and provisions as deemed necessary to protect the City's interest.

Section 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

A resolution is an informal enactment stating a decision or expressing the opinion of Council regarding a particular item of business, an event, issue or person.

Resolutions are effective 30 days after adoption. Emergency resolutions take effect immediately upon the Mayor's signature or 10 days after adoption.

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These resolutions were read for the first time on Monday, April 21, 2025, the rules were suspended, and the legislation was adopted by an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members elected to Council.

Click on a resolution below to read it:

[Res. No. 538-2025](#)

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Resolution No. 538-2025**By Council Member:** Griffin**An emergency resolution fixing the 2025 summer schedule of meetings of the Council of the City of Cleveland.**

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the schedule of meetings during the 2025 summer months of the Council of the City of Cleveland is hereby fixed as follows:

July 9, 2025

August 13, 2025

A notice identifying the time and location of the meeting, as well as a schedule of committee meetings, if any, to be held prior to the meeting, shall be prepared by the Clerk prior to each of the above meeting dates. The Council will resume regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Adopted. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Resolution No. 539-2025

By Council Members: McCormack, Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Spencer, Starr

An emergency resolution recognizing April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in the City of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the first celebration of Earth Day was the largest environmental grassroots event ever held at that time and galvanized legislative and grassroots activity, including the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and passage of legislation such as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, new and continuing challenges, including climate change, pollution, and loss of forest, wetlands, and other wildlife habitats, reinforce the need for adequate protections for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we inhabit, and the animals we live alongside; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day serves as an opportunity to learn from one another and build community by engaging in projects, initiatives, and campaigns to protect and restore the planet and build resilient neighborhoods, including caring for and planting trees, removing litter, using public transit, walking and biking, conserving water and energy, and other environmentally responsible actions; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual celebration created to promote environmental citizenship and action year-round; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in the City of Cleveland.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Adopted. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Resolution No. 540-2025**By Council Member:** Howse-Jones**An emergency resolution objecting to the transfer of location of a D1, D2, D3, D3A, and D6 Liquor Permit to 3704 Superior Avenue.**

WHEREAS, Council has been notified by the Division of Liquor Control of an application for the transfer of location of a D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6 Liquor Permit from Topcat, LLC., DBA: Topcats Pub & Grill, 1st Floor & Basement, 6702 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103, Permit No. 8988551, to Thirty-Nine Eleven, LLC., DBA Thirty-Nine Eleven 2nd Floor, 3704 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Permit No. 88693390005; and

WHEREAS, the granting of this application for a liquor permit to this high crime area, which is already saturated with other liquor outlets, is contrary to the best interests of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the applicant does not qualify to be a permit holder and/or has demonstrated that he has operated his liquor business in disregard of the laws, regulations or local ordinances of this state or any other state; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought has not conformed to the building, safety or health requirements of the governing body of this County or City; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so arranged or constructed that law enforcement officers or agents of the Division of Liquor Control are prevented reasonable access to the establishment; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so located with respect to the neighborhood that it substantially interferes with public decency, sobriety, peace or good order; and

WHEREAS, this objection is based on other legal grounds as set forth in Revised Code Section 4303.292; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, prosperity, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 4303.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. Council's objection to said permit must be received by the Superintendent of Liquor Control within 30 days of notification; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

Section 1. That Council does hereby record its objection to the transfer of location of a D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6 Liquor Permit from Topcat, LLC., DBA: Topcats Pub & Grill,

1st Floor & Basement, 6702 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103, Permit No. 8988551, to Thirty-Nine Eleven, LLC., DBA: Thirty-Nine Eleven 2nd Floor, 3704 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Permit No. 88693390005; and requests the Superintendent of Liquor Control to set a hearing for said application in accordance with provisions of Section 4303.26 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution, together with two copies of a letter of objection and two copies of a letter requesting that the hearing be held in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Adopted. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Second Reading Emergency Ordinances Passed

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After departmental review, the ordinance is returned to Council for consideration in a public hearing before the appropriate Council Committee(s). Council Members and City departments can recommend changes, or amendments, to the legislation during the hearing process. After the review is complete and any amendments have been made, the legislation is read a second time at a Council meeting. A second reading allows Council Members and the public to hear what changes have been made to the law. Amendments cannot be made after the second reading of the legislation.

These ordinances were read for the second time on Monday, April 21, 2025, the rules were suspended, and the legislation was passed by an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members elected to Council.

Click on an ordinance below to read it:

[Ord. No. 228-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 330-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 378-2025](#)

Ordinance No. 228-2025 AS AMENDED

By Council Members: Polensek and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend Sections 630.01 and 630.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 574-18, passed May 14, 2018, relating to criminal activity nuisances declared and action to abate nuisances and cost of enforcement.

THERE IS NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THIS LEGISLATION IF AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, line 3, strike “occasions” and insert “calendar days”.
2. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, line 4, strike “six (6)” and insert “twelve (12)”.
3. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, at division (a)(5), line 2, and at division (b), line 8, strike “shall” and insert “may” in both places.
4. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, at division (b), line 5, strike “six (6)” and insert “twelve (12)”.
5. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, at division (d), line 5, after “provided.” insert “If the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee declares the property a nuisance pursuant to division (b) of this section, the property owner shall be charged two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).”.
6. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, at division (d), line 7, strike “six (6)” and insert “twelve (12)”.
7. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, at division (e), line 5, after “abate the nuisance activity.” insert “a notice charging a fine for being the owner of a property that has been declared a nuisance property.”.
8. In Section 1, at amended Section 630.02, after division (e), insert new division (f) to read as follows:

(f) Notification to Council:

The Director of Public Safety shall provide electronic notification to the member of Council in whose ward the property is located when any of the following events occur: a notice that property may be declared a nuisance is issued, a determination is made that a property is a nuisance, and/or when an owner appeals a decision to the City's Board of Zoning appeals, as described under subsections (a), (b) and/or (e) of this Section 630.02.

Approved by the Director of Law; Committee on Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinance No. 330-2025

By Council Members: Polensek and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with Case Western Reserve University for professional services necessary to continue implementation of a data collection and analysis process, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

Approved by the Directors of Public Safety; Finance; and Law; Committees on Safety; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Ordinance No. 378-2025

By Council Members: Bishop and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with the Northeast Ohio Muni Football League aka Cleveland Municipal Football Association dba Cleveland Muni Football League to conduct a city-wide youth football program.

Approved by the Directors of Parks and Recreation; Finance; and Law; Committees on Municipal Services and Properties; and Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Motion by Council Member Maurer to suspend the rules, Charter, and statutory provisions and place on final passage. Seconded by Council Member Santana.

The rules were suspended. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Read second time.

Read third time in full. Passed. Yeas 16. Nays 0.

Voting Yea: Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Starr.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Spencer.

Official Proceedings Adjournment City Council

Cleveland, Ohio
Monday, April 21, 2025

MOTION

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to meet on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Patricia J. Britt
City Clerk, Clerk of Council

Council Committee Meetings

Monday, April 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Health, Human Services and the Arts Committee

Present: Conwell, Chair; Maurer, Vice Chair; Gray, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Slife, Starr

Also Present: Griffin

2:00 p.m.

Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Present: Griffin, Chair; McCormack, Vice Chair; Bishop, Conwell, Hairston, Kazy, Polensek, Santana, Spencer

Also Present: Starr

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

1:30 p.m.

Workforce, Education, Training and Youth Development Committee

Present: Santana, Chair; Howse-Jones, Vice Chair; Gray, Slife, Spencer, Starr

Authorized Absent: Conwell

Also Present: Kazy, Jones

Board of Control

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Control convened in the Mayor's office on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 3:11 p.m. with Director Griffin presiding.

Members Present: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Others Present: Keshia Chambers, Assistant Director
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Steven Decker, Deputy Commissioner
Division of Purchases & Supplies

Jennifer Wiman, Contract Compliance Officer
Office of Equal Opportunity

Tomasz Kacki, Paralegal
Law Department

On motions, the resolutions attached were adopted, except as may be otherwise noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Jeffrey B. Marks
Secretary – Board of Control

Resolution No. 195-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Keane

REQUIREMENT CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD of CONTROL of the CITY of CLEVELAND
that the bid of

Vision Metering, LLC

for an estimated quantity of Meters, all items, for the division of Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities, for a period of one year starting upon the later of execution of a contract or the day following expiration of the currently effective contract for the goods or services, with one (1) one-year option to renew, received on March 5, under authority of Section 129.26 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, which on the basis of the estimated quantity would amount to \$207,960.50, is affirmed and approved as the lowest and best bid, and the Director of Public Utilities is requested to enter into a **REQUIREMENT** contract for the required goods and/or services necessary for the specified items.

The **REQUIREMENT** contract shall further provide that the Contractor shall furnish all the City's requirements for such goods and/or services, whether more or less than the estimated quantity, as may be ordered under delivery orders separately certified to the contract.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair;
Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 196-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director DeRosa

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that the bid of

Parkland Contracting LLC.,

for the public improvement of the Frederick Douglass NRRC & Kerruish Park Site Furnishings Base Bid Items 1A-18A and 1B-8B and Contingency Allowance for the Division of Architecture and Site Development, Office of Capital Projects, received on March 26, 2025, under the authority of Ordinance No. 643-2024, passed July 10, 2024, for a unit price for the improvement in the aggregate amount of \$228,170.25, is affirmed and approved as the lowest responsible bid, and the Director of Capital Projects is requested to enter into contract with the bidder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Control of the City of Cleveland, that the employment of the following subcontractors by Parkland Contracting LLC., is hereby approved:

<u>Subcontractor</u>	<u>CSB/MBE/FBE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Down to Earth Landscaping	CSB/FBE/LPE	\$ 18,100.00
Northeast Ohio Trenching Service	CSB/LPE	\$ 22,600.00

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 197-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Hernandez

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2076-76 passed October 25, 1976, the City is conducting a Land Reutilization Program ("Program") according to the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the City has acquired Permanent Parcel No. 128-12-059, located on Lamontier Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, authorizes the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, when directed by the Director of Community Development and when certain specified conditions have been met, to sell Land Reutilization Program parcels; and

WHEREAS, De'ontae Fleming proposed to the City to purchase and develop the parcel for new residential development; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist:

1. The member of Council from Ward 4 has either approved the proposed sale or has not disapproved or requested a hold of the proposed sale within 45 days of notification of it;
2. The proposed purchaser of the parcel is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that under Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized, when directed by the Director of Community Development, and the Mayor is requested, to execute an Official Deed for and on behalf of the City of Cleveland, with De'ontae Fleming, for the sale and development of Permanent Parcel No. 128-12-059, located on Lamontier Avenue, according to the Land Reutilization Program, in such manner as best carries out the intent of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consideration for the sale of the parcel shall be \$4,200.00, which amount is determined to be not less than the fair market value of the parcel for uses according to the Program.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 198-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Hernandez

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2076-76 passed October 25, 1976, the City is conducting a Land Reutilization Program ("Program") according to the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the City has acquired Permanent Parcel Nos. 015-02-009, and 015-02-011, located on West 41st Street; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, authorizes the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, when directed by the Director of Community Development and when certain specified conditions have been met, to sell Land Reutilization Program parcels; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Krejci proposed to the City to purchase and develop the parcel for new residential development; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist:

1. The member of Council from Ward 14 has either approved the proposed sale or has not disapproved or requested a hold of the proposed sale within 45 days of notification of it;
2. The proposed purchaser of the parcel is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that under Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized, when directed by the Director of Community Development, and the Mayor is requested, to execute an Official Deed for and on behalf of the City of Cleveland, with Zachary Krejci, for the sale and development of Permanent Parcel Nos. 015-02-009, and 015-02-011, located on West 41st Street, according to the Land Reutilization Program, in such manner as best carries out the intent of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consideration for the sale of the parcel shall be \$8,038.80, which amount is determined to be not less than the fair market value of the parcels for uses according to the Program.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 199-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Hernandez

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2076-76 passed October 25, 1976, the City is conducting a Land Reutilization Program ("Program") according to the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the City has acquired Permanent Parcel No. 140-12-001, located at 3839 Lee Road; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, authorizes the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, when directed by the Director of Community Development and when certain specified conditions have been met, to sell Land Reutilization Program parcels; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Franchise Management Corporation proposed to the City to purchase and develop the parcel for parking; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist:

1. The member of Council from Ward 1 has either approved the proposed sale or has not disapproved or requested a hold of the proposed sale within 45 days of notification of it;
2. The proposed purchaser of the parcel is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that under Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized, when directed by the Director of Community Development, and the Mayor is requested, to execute an Official Deed for and on behalf of the City of Cleveland, with Ohio Franchise Management Corporation, for the sale and development of Permanent Parcel No. 140-12-001, located at 3839 Lee Road, according to the Land Reutilization Program, in such manner as best carries out the intent of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consideration for the sale of the parcel shall be \$3,608.85, which amount is determined to be not less than the fair market value of the parcel for uses according to the Program.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 200-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Hernandez

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2076-76 passed October 25, 1976, the City is conducting a Land Reutilization Program ("Program") according to the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the City has acquired Permanent Parcel Nos. 112-14-016, and 112-14-017, located on Lake Shore Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, authorizes the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, when directed by the Director of Community Development and when certain specified conditions have been met, to sell Land Reutilization Program parcels; and

WHEREAS, Omchand Singh proposed to the City to purchase and develop the parcels for new commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist:

1. The member of Council from Ward 8 has either approved the proposed sale or has not disapproved or requested a hold of the proposed sale within 45 days of notification of it;
2. The proposed purchaser of the parcel is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that under Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized, when directed by the Director of Community Development, and the Mayor is requested, to execute an Official Deed for and on behalf of the City of Cleveland, with Omchand Singh, for the sale and development of Permanent Parcel Nos. 112-14-016, and 112-14-017, located on Lake Shore Boulevard, according to the Land Reutilization Program, in such manner as best carries out the intent of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consideration for the sale of the parcel shall be \$4,200.00, which amount is determined to be not less than the fair market value of the parcels for uses according to the Program.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 201-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Hernandez

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2076-76 passed October 25, 1976, the City is conducting a Land Reutilization Program ("Program") according to the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the City has acquired Permanent Parcel No. 013-04-011, located at 5905 Denison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, authorizes the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies, when directed by the Director of Community Development and when certain specified conditions have been met, to sell Land Reutilization Program parcels; and

WHEREAS, Stockyard Lounge LLC has proposed to the City to purchase and develop the parcel for parking; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist:

1. The member of Council from Ward 14 has either approved the proposed sale or has not disapproved or requested a hold of the proposed sale within 45 days of notification of it;
2. The proposed purchaser of the parcel is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND that under Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized, when directed by the Director of Community Development, and the Mayor is requested, to execute an Official Deed for and on behalf of the City of Cleveland, with Stockyard Lounge LLC, for the sale and development of Permanent Parcel No. 013-04-011, located at 5905 Denison Avenue;, according to the Land Reutilization Program, in such manner as best carries out the intent of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consideration for the sale of the parcel shall be \$3,056.20, which amount is determined to be not less than the fair market value of the parcel for uses according to the Program.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair; Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 202-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Cole

WHEREAS, under the authority of Ordinance No. 110-2024, passed by the Cleveland City Council on February 5, 2024, and Resolution No. 315-24, adopted by the City's Board of Control on July 3, 2024, the City, through its Director of Human Resources, entered into City Contract No. PS 2024*0234 with Consult HR Partners, LLC ("Consultant") for professional services necessary to provide the assessment, design and implementation of a City-wide management training strategy and employee performance management framework (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires additional services under the Contract to obtain a comprehensive "Train-the-Trainer" program designed to equip internal staff with the knowledge and skills needed to deliver a customized performance management training program to all managers within the City under the Project, and Consultant has offered through its proposal dated April 2, 2025 (the "Proposal"), to provide such services to the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Human Resources is authorized to enter into a first amendment to Contract No. PS 2024*0234 with Consult HR Partners, LLC to provide the additional services described in the Proposal for an amount not to exceed \$20,850.00, thereby increasing the total compensation payable under the Contract to \$120,850.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Resources is authorized to execute all documents and to do all things necessary to effect the First Amendment to Contract No. PS 2024*0234 approved above.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair;
Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 203-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Nichols

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 250-12, adopted on June 6, 2012, under the authority of Section 131.15(f) of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio 1976, this Board of Control established the rental rates for the Cleveland Public Auditorium, its various rooms, halls, and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, The City Club of Cleveland wishes to use the Public Hall, the Grand Reception Hall, the Music Hall, the Little Theatre and meeting rooms of the Cleveland Public Auditorium Wednesday, April 23, 2025, in support of the Mayor's State of the City address to be held at Cleveland Public Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to allow The City Club of Cleveland to use the Public Hall, the Grand Reception Hall, the Music Hall, the Little Theatre and meeting rooms of the Cleveland Public Auditorium Wednesday, April 23, 2025, without charge for rental; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, that notwithstanding and as an exception to the Public Auditorium rental rates established by Board of Control Resolution No. 250-12, adopted on June 6, 2012, The City Club of Cleveland may use the Public Hall, the Grand Reception Hall, the Music Hall, the Little Theatre and meeting rooms of the Cleveland Public Auditorium Wednesday, April 23, 2025, without a rental charge, in support of the 2025 Mayor's State of the City address.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be no charge for any labor, materials and equipment supplied to The City Club of Cleveland by the City for the event.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair;
Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Resolution No. 204-25

Adopted 4/23/25

By Director Nichols

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 250-12, adopted on June 6, 2012, under the authority of Section 131.15(f) of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, this Board of Control established the rental rates for the Cleveland Public Auditorium, its various rooms, halls, and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland, Inc., wishes to use the Public Hall, the Grand Receptions Hall and meeting rooms of the Cleveland Public Auditorium March 19, 2025 – March 20, 2025, for a Junior Achievement student symposium; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to allow the Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland to use the Public Hall, the Grand Reception Hall and meeting rooms in the Cleveland Public Auditorium on March 19, 2025 – March 20, 2025, without charge for rental; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, that notwithstanding and as an exception to the Public Auditorium rental rates established by Board of Control Resolution No. 250-12, adopted on June 6, 2012, Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland, Inc. may use the Public Hall, the Grand Reception Hall and meeting rooms of the Cleveland Public Auditorium on March 19, 2025 – March 20, 2025, without a rental charge, for a Junior Achievement student symposium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall charge Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland the actual costs, at the prevailing rates, of any labor, materials and equipment supplied for the event.

Yeas: Directors Griffin, Keane, Margolius, Drummond, Hernandez, Cole, McNair;
Acting Director Cisler; Directors Martin O'Toole, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bibb; Directors Barrett, Francis, Williams, Wernet

Schedule of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Monday, May 5, 2025

Under the conditions specified by law, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be conducting a hybrid in-person and virtual hearing using the WebEx Platform. **IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE AND OR GIVE TESTIMONY THROUGH WEBEX, contact the Board of Zoning Appeals office and request the link at 216-664-2580 by noon on May 2, 2025. You can also email us boardofzoningappeals@clevelandohio.gov.**

The in-person hearing will be held in Room 514 in City Hall. Bring proper ID to enter the building.

Those individuals not planning to attend are encouraged to view one of the live streams:

<http://www.clevelandohio.gov/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/CityPlanningCommission/ZoningAppeals>

Or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB8ql0JrhmpYIR1OLY68bw/>

9:30

Calendar No. 25-067: 3105 Franklin Boulevard

Ward 3 – Kerry McCormack

TDG. Franklin Realty, owner, proposes to establish use as a 2,200 square foot café in a Two-Family Residential District. The owner appeals for relief from the strict application of the following sections of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances:

1. Section 337.03 and division (b)(2) of 343.01, which states that a café is not a permitted use in a Two-Family Residential District but is first permitted in a Local Retail Business District. Note: Cleveland Landmarks Commission approval is required, and lot consolidation required.

9:30

Calendar No. 25-068: 11927 Larchmere Boulevard

Ward 6 – Blaine Griffin

TLW. LLC, owner, proposes a change of use of an existing three-story frame, two-family residence into three-family residence with a three-car detached garage in a B1 Two-Family Residential District. The owner appeals for relief from the strict application of the following sections of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances:

1. Section 337.03, which states that a Three-Family Residence is not allowed in a Two-Family District but is first allowed in Multi-Family District, division (a) of Section 337.08.
2. Division (b) of Section 355.04, which states that the minimum lot area shall

not be less than 2,400 square feet per dwelling unit, total 7,200 square feet; the appellant is proposing 5,412 square feet. Maximum Gross Floor Area shall not exceed 50 percent of lot size, or in this case, 2,706 square feet; the appellant is proposing 3,505 square feet. Note: Cleveland Landmarks Commission Approval is required.

9:30

Calendar No. 25-069: 3118 West 17th Street

Ward 14 – Jasmine Santana

Kyle Knight & Diane Knight, owners, propose to build a home addition/new garage within the front yard in a B1 Two-Family Residential District. The owner appeals for relief from the strict application of the following sections of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances:

1. Section 337.23, which states that accessory structures shall be located on the rear half of the lot; in this case, the addition must be set back 55 feet; the appellant is proposing approximately 15 feet back.

9:30

Calendar No. 25-070: 2828 Carnegie Avenue

Ward 5 – Richard Starr

2828 Carnegie Avenue, LLC., owners, proposes to establish use as a Mental Health Center on a parcel located in a General Retail Business and Semi-Industry District. The owner appeals for relief from the strict application of the following sections of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances:

1. Section 340.02, which states that a Mental Health Center is first permitted in an Institutional Research District.

Postponed from March 31, 2025

9:30

Calendar No. 25-027: 12031 Continental Avenue

Ward 4 – Deborah Gray

Mercedes Bell, owner, proposes to change use from stores and dwelling units to Adult Day Care and Event Space in a B1 Two-Family District. The owner appeals for relief from the strict application of the following sections of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances:

1. Section 337.03, which states that Event Space is not permitted in a Two-Family District; first permitted in General Retail District per division (b)(2)(L) of Section 343.11.
2. Division (g)(3)(B) of Section 337.02, which states that an Adult Care Center is permitted in a Two-Family District if not less than 30 feet from any adjoining premises in a Residence District not used for a similar purpose; the site abuts a Two-Family District.

3. Division (1) of Section 347.12, which states that Event Space must be located 500 feet from a Residential District; the site abuts a Two-Family District.
4. Division (2) of Section 347.12, which states that Event Space use shall be at least 500 feet from another similar use.
5. Division (e) of Section 349.04, which states that 13 parking spaces are required; none are proposed. *POSTPONED FROM MARCH 31, 2025, DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT. NO TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN.*

Report of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Monday, April 21, 2025

At the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals on Monday, April 21, 2025, the following appeals were scheduled for hearing before the Board and;

The following appeals were **APPROVED**:

Calendar No. 25-044: 3262 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-045: 3262 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-046: 3262 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-047: 3264 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-048: 3264 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-049: 3264 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-050: 3266 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-051: 3266 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-052: 3266 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-053: 3270 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-054: 3270 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-055: 3270 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-056: 3272 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-057: 3272 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-058: 3272 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-059: 3272 Warren Road (Unit 4)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-060: 3274 Warren Road (Unit 1)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-061: 3274 Warren Road (Unit 2)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

Calendar No. 25-062: 3274 Warren Road (Unit 3)

Greenway Scranton Investments LLC, owner, proposes to erect a Townhouse in an A1 One-Family Residential District and an RA-1 Townhouse District.

The following appeals were **DENIED:** **None.**

The following appeals were **WITHDRAWN:** **None.**

The following appeals were **DISMISSED:**

Calendar No. 25-039: 11618 Madison Avenue

117 Madison LLC., owner, proposes to establish a tattoo and other permanent make-up services salon in a B3 Local Retail Business District.

Calendar No. 25-042: 11808 Phillips Avenue

Thomas J Brown, owner, proposes to establish use as a Residential Facility for five occupants in a B1 Two-Family Residential District.

The following cases were **REMANDED:** **None.**

The following cases were **POSTPONED:**

Calendar No. 24-088: Harp Realty Company

11213 Franklin Boulevard (AKA 11311 Franklin Boulevard). Postponed to May 19, 2025.

Calendar No. 25-007: Harp Realty Company

11309 Franklin Boulevard (AKA 11311 Franklin Boulevard). Postponed to May 19, 2025.

Calendar No. 25-043: 3 Day Pro Investment

1115 Parkside Road. Postponed to April 28, 2025.

The following cases were heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on Monday, April 14, 2025, and the decisions were adopted and approved on Monday, April 21, 2025:

The following appeals were Approved:

Calendar No. 25-035: 5100 Pearl Road

5100 PPMS LLC, owner, proposes to install two (2) illuminated, business identification wall signs on the eastern and western sides of the tower in a C3 Semi-Industry District.

Calendar No. 25-036: 12210 Lorain Avenue

Tia Willaims, owner, proposes to establish use as a bar and install 170 linear feet of 8-foot-high corrugated iron fence in a C2 Local Retail Business District and a Pedestrian Retail Overlay District.

Calendar No. 25-037: 1280 West 67th Street

Allison & Alex Jones, owners, propose to erect a wolmanized wooden deck and exterior stairs & pergola attached to an existing detached garage in a B1 Two-Family Residential District.

Calendar No. 25-038: 1905 Denison Avenue (Granted Conditionally)

John Wagner, owner, proposes to change the use of an existing two-family residence to a three-family residence in a B1 Multi-Family Residential District.

Calendar No. 25-041: 2273 West 6th Street

Timothy Ridgely, owner, proposes to erect a three-story addition attached to an existing one-story attached garage to an existing single-family residence in a B1 Two-Family Residential District.

The following appeals were Denied:**Calendar No. 24-181: 2318 Tate Avenue**

Arlen Acevedo, owner, proposes to enclose a portion of their open front porch to create a mudroom in a B1 Two-Family Residential District.

**Calendar No. 25-014: 15404 Kinsman Road
Appealing Building and Housing
Violation Notice V24033933**

Elegant Properties, LLC., owner, appeals under the authority of Section 76-6 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland and division (d) of Section 329.02 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, from Notice of Violation Number V24033933, issued by the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing for failure to comply with division (A) of Section 347.08 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances regarding installing opaque fencing around trash containers.

**Calendar No. 25-016: 8318 Lorain Avenue
Appealing Building and Housing
Violation Notice**

FOUAD Inc., owner, appeals under the authority of Section 76-6 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland and division (d) of Section 329.02 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, from Notice of Violation Numbers V24034131, issued by the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing for failure to comply with division (C) of Section 345.04 and Section 347.06 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, regarding establishing use as a wrecking yard and/or storage of motor vehicles.

**Calendar No. 25-017: 8300 Lorain Avenue
Appealing Building and Housing
Violation Notice**

FOUAD Inc., owner, appeals under the authority of Section 76-6 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland and division (d) of Section 329.02 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, from Notice of Violation Numbers V24034144, issued by the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing for failure to comply with division (C) of Section 345.04 and Section 347.06 of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, regarding establishing use as a wrecking yard and/or storage of motor vehicles.

Agenda of the Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 - REVISED

Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing
Cleveland City Hall – Room 514 or via WebEx at 9:30 a.m. EST
BuildingStandards@ClevelandOhio.gov

NOTE: This is a tentative Agenda and may vary both in scope and order of presentation as time permits and circumstances warrant.

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BUILDING:

Docket A-231-24	13700 St. Clair	WARD: 10 (Anthony T. Hairston)
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Givaughna Garrett, Owner of the Mixed Uses, Multiple-Uses-in-One Building; Three-Story Masonry Walls/Wood Floors, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – CONDEMNATION – MAIN STRUCTURE**, dated October 17, 2024; the appellant is requesting twelve (12) months to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-239-24	7023 Union Avenue	WARD: 2 (Kevin L. Bishop)
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Sophia Hester, Owner of the Mixed Use, Multiple-Uses-in-One Building, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – NO PERMIT(S)**, dated November 11, 2024; the appellant is requesting six (6) months to complete abatement of the violations.

HOUSING:

Docket A-232-24 3292-3294 East 128th Street WARD: 4
(Deborah A. Gray)

Tammy Ann Thomas, Owner of the Two-Dwelling Unit; Two-Family Residence; Two-and-Half Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**, dated October 11, 2024; the appellant is requesting time to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-233-24

5210 Fleet Avenue

**WARD: 12
(Rebecca Maurer)**

Timothy L. Henley, Owner of the One-Dwelling Unit; Family Residence; Two-Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated November 12, 2024; the appellant is requesting 6 months to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-234-24

2609 West 18th Street

**WARD: 3
(Kerry McCormack)**

2609 W 18, LLC, Owner of the One-Dwelling Unit; Single-Family Residence; One-and-Half Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated October 22, 2024; appellant is requesting three (3) months to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-235-24

3559 East 116th Street

**WARD: 2
(Kevin L. Bishop)**

Deretha Young, Owner of the Two-Dwelling Unit; Two-Family; Two-Story Frame Residence, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated November 11, 2024; the appellant is requesting time to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-236-24

3553 East 81st Street

**WARD: 6
(Blaine A. Griffin)**

James Pevarnic, Owner of the One-Dwelling Unit; Single-Family; Two-Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated October 31, 2024; the appellant is requesting six (6) months to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-237-24 **6210 Pear Avenue** **WARD: 15**

(Jenny Spencer)

SFR3-080, LLC, Owner of the One-Dwelling Unit; Single-Family; One-Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – INTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated October 25, 2024; the appellant is requesting one hundred-eighty (180) days to complete abatement of the violations.

Docket A-238-24

2014 West 100th Street

WARD: 15
(Jenny Spencer)

East 125th, LLC, Owner of the One-Dwelling; One-Family; Two-Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – FIRE DAMAGE**, dated November 18, 2024; the appellant is requesting one hundred-twenty days to complete abatement of the violations.

ADJUDICATION:

Docket A-241-24

2407 Colburn Avenue

WARD: 13
(Kris Harsh)

East 125th, LLC, Owner of the One-Dwelling; One-Family; Two-Story Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – FIRE DAMAGE**, dated November 18, 2024; the appellant is requesting one hundred-twenty days to complete abatement of the violations.

RE-OPEN HOUSING:

Docket A-222-24

11605 -07 Carolina Road

WARD: 3
(Kerry McCormack)

Donna Miller, Owner of the Two-Dwelling Units; Two-Family Residence; One-Story Metal Frame Property, appeals from a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE**, dated October 3, 2024; the appellant is requesting time to complete abatement of the violations.

Approval of Resolutions**Docket/s:**

A-221-24	Carosella Holdings, LLC
*A-222-24	Donna Miller
A-223-24	Bergen Real Estate, LLC
A-224-24	Leonard Morgan
A-225-24	Rosette Kobengwa Atosha
A-226-24	Cynthia Lynn Matthews (Humphrey)
A-227-24	Timothy P. Boyle
A-228-24	James E. Moore
A-229-24	Deborah Pachinger (former Zigman)
A-230-24	Narinder K. Verma

Approval of Minutes

April 23, 2025

MEMO

To: Tom Vanover, Commissioner/CBO

From: Carmella Davis, Executive Secretary
Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals

Date: January 13, 2025

Subject: Request for presence at the board hearing

The Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals requests the presence of a representative for a Public Hearing on the following Docket/s from the Department of Building and Housing, and the presence of a representative from the Division of Fire on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at approximately 9:30 A.M. via WebEx or at Cleveland City Hall Room 514.

DOCKET NO.	ADDRESS	INSPECTOR/S
A-231-24	13700 St. Clair	M. Santillo
A-232-24	3292-94 East 128th Street	M. Shockley
A-233-24	5210 Fleet Avenue	K. McMahon
A-234-24	2609 West 18th Street	T. Barisic
A-235-24	3559 East 116th Street	K. McMahon
A-236-24	3553 East 81st Street	T. Barisic
A-237-24	6210 Pear Avenue	G. Conwell
A-238-24	2014 West 100th Street	T. Barisic
A-239-24	7023 Union Avenue	R. Derrett
A-241-24	2407 Colburn Avenue	J. Barakas

Public Notice

Title:	Request for Proposals to Provide Salvaging of Vehicles for the Division of Police
Description:	The City of Cleveland is soliciting proposals from qualified firms interested in providing salvaging of vehicles for the Cleveland Division of Police.
Opening Date/Time:	Monday, March 31, 2025, at 9:00 AM
Closing Date/Time:	Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 3:00 PM
Buyer Organization:	Public Safety/Division of Police
Buyer Contact Name:	Michael Donegan, Division of Police
Buyer Contact Phone:	216-623-5256
Buyer Contact E-mail:	mdonegan@clevelandohio.gov
Meeting:	Yes, attendance is optional.
Meeting Date/Time:	Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Meeting Location:	Cleveland City Hall Department of Public Safety 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 230 Cleveland, OH 44114
Documentation:	Request for Proposal Attached

Adopted Resolutions and Passed Ordinances

These resolutions were adopted, and ordinances were passed by City Council on Monday, April 14, 2025.

Click on a piece of legislation below to read it:

[Ord. No. 186-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 338-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 187-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 423-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 188-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 434-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 189-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 500-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 229-2025](#)

[Res. No. 469-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 234-2025](#)

[Res. No. 493-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 238-2025](#)

[Res. No. 494-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 240-2025](#)

[Res. No. 495-2025](#)

[Ord. No. 246-2025](#)

[Res. No. 505-2025](#)

Ordinance No. 186-2025

By Council Members: Conwell, Griffin, Santana, and Kazy (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend Sections 607.15 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, relating to the illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products or alternative nicotine products.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Section 607.15 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 737-15, passed December 7, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

Section 607.15 *Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products*

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Distribute" has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02.
- (2) "Electronic smoking device" has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02.
- (3) "Tobacco product" has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02 and includes vapor products as also defined in that section.
- (4) "Vending machine" has the same meaning as "coin machine" in RC 2913.01.

(b) No manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of cigarettes or other tobacco products and no agent, employee or representative of a manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of cigarettes or other tobacco products, and no other person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products, (A) to any person under the age of twenty-one (21); or (B) without first verifying proof of age;
- (2) Sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products to any individual who does not demonstrate, through a driver's license or other photographic identification card issued by a government entity or

educational institution that the individual is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

- (3) Sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products in any business that does not have posted in a conspicuous place a sign, in accordance with RC 2927.02 and any rules of the Department of Public Health stating that giving, selling or otherwise distributing cigarettes or other tobacco products to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age is prohibited by law;
- (4) Knowingly furnish any false information regarding the name, age, or other identification of any person under twenty-one (21) years of age with purpose to obtain cigarettes or other tobacco products for that person under the age of twenty-one (21);
- (5) Manufacture, sell, or distribute in this City any pack or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty (20) cigarettes or any package of roll-your-own tobacco containing less than six-tenths (0.6) of one (1) ounce of tobacco;
- (6) Sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products in a smaller quantity than that placed in the pack or other container by the manufacturer;
- (7) Sell or distribute other tobacco products in a smaller quantity than was intended for retail when the product was packaged by the manufacturer;
- (8) Sell or distribute tobacco products other than cigarettes over the internet or through remote method without age verification;
- (9) Allow an employee under eighteen (18) years of age to sell any tobacco product; or
- (10) Give away or otherwise distribute free samples of cigarettes or other tobacco products or coupons redeemable for cigarettes or other tobacco products: (A) to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age; (B) without first verifying proof of age; (C) in a manner prohibited under, or in accordance with Chapter 1333 or 1345 of the Revised Code; or (D) without first paying the taxes levied on such cigarettes or other tobacco products under, or in accordance with Chapter 5743 of the Revised Code.

(c) No person shall sell or offer to sell cigarettes or other tobacco products by or from a vending machine except in the following locations:

- (1) An area either:

- A. Within a factory, business, office, or other place not open to the general public; or
 - B. To which persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years are not generally permitted access;
- (2) In any other place not identified in division (c)(1) of this section, upon all of the following conditions:
- A. The vending machine is located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of such person, so that all cigarettes or other tobacco products sold from the vending machine will be readily observed by the person who owns or operates the place or an employee of such person. For the purpose of this section, a vending machine located in any unmonitored area, including an unmonitored coatroom, restroom, hallway, or outer waiting area, shall not be considered located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of such person.
 - B. The vending machine is inaccessible to the public when the place is closed.
 - C. A clearly visible notice is posted in the area where the vending machine is located that states the following in letters that are legibly printed and at least one-half inch high: "It is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to purchase tobacco products or alternative nicotine products".
- (d) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge under division (b)(1) of this section:
- (1) The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a person under the age of twenty-one (21) has consented in writing to the person under the age of twenty-one (21) participating in the research protocol, or a person over the age of eighteen (18), but under the age of twenty-one (21), has consented in writing, on his or her own behalf, to participate in the research protocol.
 - (2) The person who gave, sold, or distributed cigarettes or other tobacco products to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age under division (b)(1) of this section is a parent, spouse who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, or legal guardian of the child or young adult.

(e)(1) It is not a violation of division (b)(1) or (2) of this section for a person to sell or distribute to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) cigarettes or tobacco products while the person under the age of twenty-one (21) is participating in a research protocol if all of the following apply:

A. The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the person under the age of twenty-one (21) has consented in writing to the person under the age of twenty-one (21) participating in the research protocol.

B. An institutional human subjects protection review board, or equivalent entity, has approved the research protocol.

C. The person under the age of twenty-one (21) is participating in the research protocol at the facility or location specified in the research protocol.

(2) It is not a violation of division (b)(1) or (2) of this section for an employer to permit an employee eighteen (18), nineteen (19) or twenty (20) years of age to sell a tobacco product.

(f)(1) No delivery service shall accept from, transport or deliver to, or allow pick-up by, a person under twenty-one (21) years of age any tobacco products other than cigarettes.

(2) A delivery service shall require proof of age as a condition of accepting, transporting, delivering, or allowing pickup of the tobacco products other than cigarettes.

(g)(1) Whoever violates division (b)(1), (3), (5), (6), (8), (9) or (10) or divisions (c) or (f) is guilty of illegal distribution of cigarettes or tobacco products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal distribution of cigarettes, or other tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of illegal distribution of cigarettes or other tobacco products, then illegal distribution of cigarettes or other tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) Whoever violates division (b)(4) of this section is guilty of permitting a person under twenty-one (21) years of age to use cigarettes or tobacco products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, permitting a person under twenty-one (21) years of age to use cigarettes or tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (b)(4) of this section or division (B)(3) of RC 2927.02, permitting a person under twenty-one (21) years of age to use cigarettes or other tobacco products, is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(h) Any cigarettes, or other tobacco products that are given, sold or

distributed to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age in violation of this section and that are used, possessed, purchased, or received by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age in violation of RC 2151.87 are subject to seizure and forfeiture as contraband under RC Chapter 2981.

Section 2. That existing Section 607.15 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 737-15, passed December 7, 2015, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 187-2025

By Council Members: Conwell, Griffin, Santana, and Kazy (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Sections 235A.01 through 235A.11 and 235A.99, relating to tobacco retail licensing.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 95% of all adult smokers began smoking before age twenty-one (21); and

WHEREAS, an earlier age of initiation is associated with greater levels of nicotine dependence and greater intensity and persistence of smoking beyond adolescence and through adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the parts of the brain most responsible for decision making, impulse control, sensation seeking, and susceptibility to peer pressure continue to develop and change through young adulthood, and adolescent brains are uniquely vulnerable to the effects of nicotine and nicotine addiction; and

WHEREAS, data from the 2024 National Youth Tobacco Survey on the use of e-cigarette products show that 5.9% of, or 1.63 million, U.S. middle and high school students reported current e-cigarette use, where 38.4% used e-cigarettes on a frequent basis and 87.6% of e-cigarette users reported using flavored products; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 7.8% of Cleveland high school students reported smoking e-cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, as acknowledged by the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance, the City also acknowledges racism as a force in determining how these social determinants are distributed, which have an undeniable effect on tobacco use and other factors that influence health at the individual and population level; and

WHEREAS, African American communities suffer health disparities disproportionately from the cigarette industry's aggressive multi-decade targeting saturation of urban communities with the health, social, cultural, and environmental ill-effects of nicotine products; and

WHEREAS, a local licensing system for tobacco retailers to help combat the sale of tobacco products to those underage is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our residents. A licensing system allows for local enforcement of tobacco-related laws. Licensing laws, when actively enforced, have been effective in reducing the number of illegal tobacco sales to underage persons; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Sections 235A.01 through 235A.11 and 235A.99 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 235A
TOBACCO PRODUCT SALES LICENSING**

Section 235A.01 *Definitions*

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “*Authorized Agent*” means an entity with which the Director has contracted for the community outreach and education provisions contained in this chapter.
- (b) “*City*” means the City of Cleveland, Ohio.
- (c) “*Department*” means the Department of Public Health of the City or its Authorized Agent.
- (d) “*Director*” means the Director of the Department of Public Health or its Authorized Agent.
- (e) “*Distribute*” means giving, providing, or delivering Tobacco Products as defined in this section.
- (f) “*Electronic Smoking Device*” has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02.
- (g) “*Purchaser*” means any person who obtains or attempts to obtain a Tobacco Product.
- (h) “*Sale*” or “*sell*” means transferring, or offering or attempting to transfer, Tobacco Product, as defined in the section, for money, trade, barter, exchange, or other consideration.
- (i) “*Self-Service Display*” means the open display or storage of Tobacco Products in a manner that is physically accessible in any way to the general public without the assistance of the Tobacco Retailer, as defined in this section, or its agent, employee, or representative and a direct person-to-person transfer between the purchaser and the Tobacco Retailer or its agent, employee, or representative.
- (j) “*Tobacco Product(s)*” has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02 and includes vapor product(s) as also defined in that section.

(k) “*Tobacco Retailer*” means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, corporation, unincorporated business entity, or any other group acting as a unit that owns a business where Tobacco Products are available for sale to the general public. Tobacco Retailer does not mean the employees or agents of an owner of a business where Tobacco Products are available for sale to the general public.

Section 235A.02 *Tobacco Retail Sales License Required*

(a) Each Tobacco Retailer engaging in the sale of Tobacco Products shall secure a tobacco retail sales license from the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses for each location where it sells Tobacco Products in the City before engaging or continuing to engage in such business. An application for a tobacco retail sales license shall be made to the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses and shall contain the full name of the applicant, the applicant’s business and personal address and telephone number, the name of the business for which the tobacco retail sales license is sought, a copy of the applicant’s valid vendor’s license from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if applicable, the signed form described in division (f) below, and any additional information the Commissioner of Environmental Health or the Director deems necessary, such as a certificate of occupancy issued by the City.

The Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses shall transmit the application to the Director for review, investigation, and a determination of compliance after which the Director shall return the application to the Commissioner with a recommendation for approval or disapproval. If the application is recommended for approval, the Commissioner shall issue a tobacco retail sales license. If the application is recommended for disapproval, a notice of denial shall be given to the applicant with the reasons for denial and the right to appeal under Section 201.03 of these Codified Ordinances.

(b) An application for a tobacco retail sales license may also be denied for the reasons set forth in division (c) of Section 235A.07.

(c) No Tobacco Retailer shall sell or distribute Tobacco Products without a valid tobacco retail sales license.

(d) A tobacco retail sales license may be renewed annually upon application made prior to the expiration of the previous license and shall remain valid for a period beginning with the date of issuance of the tobacco retail sales license and ending on the thirty-first day of December following the date of the issuance of the tobacco retail sales license unless sooner revoked under this chapter, unless the Tobacco Retailer has outstanding fines imposed under this chapter, or unless the Tobacco Retailer to whom it was issued discontinues business, in either of which case the holder of the tobacco retail sales license shall immediately return it to the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses. A tobacco retail sales license shall not be transferred from one Tobacco Retailer to another or from one location to another.

(e) The Tobacco Retailer shall conspicuously display the tobacco retail sales license at all times and shall provide it to any person upon request. In the event of mutilation or destruction of the tobacco retail sales license, a duplicate copy, marked as such, shall be issued by the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses upon application accompanied by a fee set by the City's Board of Control and updated from time-to-time as necessary.

(f) No tobacco retail sales license shall be issued or renewed to a Tobacco Retailer unless the Tobacco Retailer provides a signed form stating that the Tobacco Retailer has read this chapter and has provided training to all employees regarding the sale of Tobacco Products and restrictions thereto. Such training shall inform employees that the sale of Tobacco Products to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age is illegal, identify the types of identification legally acceptable for proof of age, and explain that sales of Tobacco Products to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age may subject the Tobacco Retailer to penalties as provided in this chapter.

(g) No tobacco retail sales license shall be issued to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

Section 235A.03 *Tobacco Retail Sales License Fee*

(a) The fee for a tobacco retail sales license shall be used to cover and shall not exceed the administrative cost for licensing, community outreach, education and training, retail inspections, compliance checks and general enforcement of the provisions authorized by this chapter.

(b) The fee for a tobacco retail sales license shall be set by the City's Board of Control and updated from time-to-time as necessary. The fee is due at the time of application and is not refundable.

Section 235A.04 *Restrictions on the Sale of Tobacco Products*

(a) *Age Restriction.* No Tobacco Retailer or its agent, employee, or representative shall sell or distribute any Tobacco Product to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age, except if a person is participating in a research protocol described in division (e) of Section 607.15 of these Codified Ordinances and meets the requirements therein.

(b) *Age Verification.* Tobacco Retailers or their agents, employees, or representatives shall verify by means of government-issued photographic identification that the purchaser is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(c) *Signage.* Signs reading, "THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 IS PROHIBITED BY LAW" shall be legibly printed in letters at least one-inch-high and shall be posted clearly and conspicuously in every location where Tobacco Products are sold. Selling Tobacco Products in any place that does not have a

sign consistent with this division is prohibited by law and punishable under this chapter.

Section 235A.05 *Self-Service Display Restrictions*

(a) No Tobacco Retailer or its agent, employee, or representative shall sell or distribute Tobacco Products by or from a Self-Service Display except in places where persons under the age of twenty-one (21) are not permitted access.

(b) The Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses, upon the recommendation and order of the Commissioner of Environmental Health, shall suspend the applicable license of a Tobacco Retailer in violation of division (a) until the Tobacco Products have been placed behind a counter or locked doors.

Section 235A.06 *Enforcement*

(a) This chapter shall be enforced by the Commissioner of Environmental Health and any other officer or employee designated for that purpose by the enforcement of this Health Code.

(b) All Tobacco Retailers must be open to inspection by the Department or its agent during regular business hours.

(c) All Tobacco Retailers may be subject to at least two (2) compliance checks annually. The Commissioner of Environmental Health, or his or her designee, may conduct compliance checks by engaging persons between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty (20) to enter the premises of Tobacco Retailers to attempt to purchase Tobacco Products. Follow-up compliance check(s) of all non-compliant Tobacco Retailers are required within three (3) months of any violation of this chapter.

(d) The results of all compliance checks and inspections are to be kept and available to the public upon request and may be published on the Department's web page at least annually.

(e) Any person who desires to register a complaint of an alleged violation of this chapter or Section 607.15 of these Codified Ordinances may do so by contacting the Commissioner of Environmental Health, and the Commissioner shall investigate the alleged violation.

Section 235A.07 *Violations and Civil Penalties*

(a) The Commissioner of Environmental Health, and any authorized City officer or employee, who upon information or observation ascertains a violation of this chapter or Section 607.15 of these Codified Ordinances, may impose civil fines on the Tobacco Retailer. The fines are as follows and shall be adjusted in proportion to any increases in the previous year in the consumer price index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor:

- (1) For a first violation, a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
 - (2) For a second violation within a thirty-six (36) month period, a fine of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and a seven (7) day suspension of the applicable tobacco retail sales license;
 - (3) For a third violation within a thirty-six (36) month period, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a thirty (30) day suspension of the applicable tobacco retail sales license; and
 - (4) For a fourth violation and each subsequent violation thereafter within a thirty-six (36) month period, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and the applicable tobacco retail sales license of the Tobacco Retailer shall be revoked.
- (b) Each violation, and every day in which a violation occurs or continues, shall constitute a separate offense. The determination that a violation has occurred shall be in writing and mailed to the Tobacco Retailer by the Commissioner of Environmental Health, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the violation. The written notice shall specify the chapter and section that the Tobacco Retailer violated. A civil penalty imposed under division (a) above may be appealed to the Director in writing within twenty (20) days from the date of the civil penalty. The Director shall have jurisdiction to affirm or reverse. A person aggrieved by a final decision of the Director may further appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days after the Director's written decision.
- (c) A tobacco retail sales license issued under this chapter may also be denied, suspended, or revoked by the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses, upon the recommendation and order of the Commissioner of Environmental Health and through written notice, should the Tobacco Retailer or Tobacco Retailer's agent, employee, or representative directly or indirectly:
- (1) Sell Tobacco Products without a valid tobacco retail sales license;
 - (2) Fail to pay fines issued in accordance with this chapter;
 - (3) Have a tobacco retail sales license revoked within the preceding twelve (12) months of the date of application for a tobacco retail sales license;
 - (4) Fail to provide required information or provide false or misleading information on the application for a tobacco retail sales license;
 - (5) Violate any federal, state, or local tobacco laws; or
 - (6) Sell or distribute marijuana without an applicable state-issued license, or otherwise engage as a medical or adult-use marijuana operator, cultivator,

processor, dispensary, laboratory, or entity as defined in Sections 347.19(b) and 347.191(b) of these Codified Ordinances without an applicable state-issued license.

(d) All Tobacco Products shall be removed from the premises upon suspension or revocation of a tobacco retail sales license. Failure to remove all Tobacco Products shall constitute a separate violation punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each and every day of noncompliance.

(e) A violation of Section 235A.04 is hereby declared to be a nuisance which affects and endangers the public health. The Commissioner of Environmental Health and any authorized City officer or employee who, upon information or by observation ascertains a violation of Section 235A.04, may impose the penalties set forth in this chapter and in Section 201.99 of these Codified Ordinances. Enforcement of this section is in addition to any other method of enforcement provided in these Codified Ordinances and state law.

Section 235A.08 *Public Education*

The Director, or his or her Authorized Agent, shall engage in a continuing public health education program to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this chapter to Tobacco Retailers and the public. The program may include publication of a brochure in writing and online for Tobacco Retailers to explain the requirements of this chapter.

Section 235A.09 *Rulemaking Authority*

The Director is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare which shall be effective thirty (30) days after their publication in the *City Record*.

Section 235A.10 *Tobacco Enforcement and Education Fund*

All fees and civil fines collected from licensing and infractions of this chapter are to be deposited into the "Tobacco Enforcement and Education Fund" administered by the Department to cover the administrative costs for licensing, community outreach, education and training, retail inspections, and compliance checks.

Section 235A.11 *Severability*

The provisions of this chapter are severable, and if any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such a ruling shall not affect the other parts of this chapter that can be given effect.

Section 235A.99 *Penalty*

A Tobacco Retailer that engages in the sale of Tobacco Products without a valid tobacco retail sales license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be guilty of distribution of Tobacco Products without a tobacco retail sales license, a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section, then the Tobacco Retailer shall be denied a tobacco retail sales license for a period of five (5) years.

Section 2. That the enactment of new Sections 235A.01 through 235A.11 and 235A.99 shall be effective one hundred and eighty (180) days after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 188-2025

By Council Members: Conwell, Griffin, Santana, Kazy and Jones (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to enact new Section 347.21 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, relating to smoke shops.

WHEREAS, data establishes that an over-concentration of Smoke Shops, as defined below, currently exists in the City and the City has received approximately one hundred (100) permit applications to establish use as Smoke Shops since January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety in that the proposed enactment of new Section 347.21 is necessary to protect neighborhoods from, and to avoid further, over-concentration of Smoke Shops and the negative secondary effects arising therefrom, including but not limited to, an increase in the availability of Smoke Shop Products, as defined below; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Section 347.21 to read as follows:

Section 347.21 *Smoke Shops*

(a) Purpose. The regulations of this section are established to regulate the location of Smoke Shops for the purpose of protecting neighborhoods from negative secondary effects created by the concentration or clustering of such businesses. Furthermore, the regulations are established to avoid and reduce over-concentration.

(b) Definitions. For purposes of this section:

(1) “Cannabidiol” or “CBD” means the cannabidiol compound, containing delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths per cent, derived from hemp.

(2) “Electronic Smoking Device” has the same meaning as defined in RC 2927.02.

(3) “Hemp” means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths per cent on a dry weight basis.

(4) “Kratom” means any parts of the plant *mitragyna speciosa*, whether growing or not, and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of that plant, including but not limited to, mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine.

(5) “Smoke Shop” means any retail establishment at which twenty percent (20%) or more of floor, shelf, and/or display area(s), individually or in the aggregate, is used for the sale of Smoke Shop Products. No state-licensed medical or adult-use marijuana operator, cultivator, processor, dispensary, laboratory, or entity as defined in Sections 347.19(b) and 347.191(b) shall constitute a Smoke Shop for the purposes of this section.

(6) “Smoke Shop Product(s)” means:

- A. Any product containing, made of, derived from, or containing any form of CBD, Kratom, and/or Hemp-derived or synthetic cannabinoid, including but not limited to Delta-8 THC, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved, inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means;
- B. Any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or containing any form of nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved, inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus;
- C. Any Electronic Smoking Device as defined in this section and any substances intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device, whether the substance contains any form of tobacco, nicotine, CBD, Kratom, and/or Hemp-derived or synthetic cannabinoids; or
- D. Any component, part, or accessory of (A), (B), or (C) above, whether any of these contains tobacco, nicotine, CBD, Kratom, and/or Hemp-derived or synthetic cannabinoids, including, but not limited to, filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, or pipes.

Smoke Shop Product does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

(c) Spacing. No Smoke Shop shall be established on a lot or lots within ten thousand five hundred and sixty (10,560) feet (two (2) miles) of another lot or lots containing an existing Smoke Shop. No two (2) Smoke Shops shall be located in the

same building or on the same lot. Such distance shall be measured in a geometrically straight line which represents the shortest distance between the lot or lots accommodating the proposed Smoke Shop and the lot or lots from which the existing Smoke Shop is located. Such measurement shall be made using a scaled map, or a survey if deemed necessary, and shall be made without regard to intervening structures, objects, uses, the street grid, landforms or any other topographic feature.

(d) Location. Where otherwise permitted in a particular use district, no Smoke Shop shall be located or relocated within five hundred (500) feet of the end boundaries of a parcel of real estate having situated on it a church, public library, public playground, public park, or school.

(e) Maps Maintained in the Office of the City Planning Commission. The Director of City Planning shall maintain a map of existing Smoke Shop locations and other information necessary to determine compliance with the spacing regulations under division (c) of this section.

(f) Floor, Shelf, and Display Plan Required. For any Smoke Shop, a floor, shelf and display plan shall be submitted as part of its Building Permit application in addition to any other required plans and information, and shall contain the amount of floor, shelf, and display area dedicated to Smoke Shop Products.

Section 2. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 189-2025

By Council Members: Conwell, Griffin, Santana and Kazy (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 350.121 relating to window sign coverage limitation and to amend Section 3104.02 of the codified ordinances, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, relating to civil offenses.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety in that it limits the amount of window coverings to increase visibility for first responders to assess an emergency and for other individuals to see potential hazards, such as oncoming vehicles; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Section 350.121 to read as follows:

Section 350.121 *Window Sign Coverage Limitation*

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, window signage regardless of use type, in all zoning districts except for Residential and Residence-Office Districts, shall cover no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of window area. In determining the percentage of window area covered, each facade or side of the building shall be considered separately. Window area shall be measured to include all windows and the glass portions of doors, and it shall include all area covered regardless of material, including by temporary signs or permanent signs. Any material that covers window area and that has empty or transparent portions shall be measured as an entire material, including those empty or transparent portions.

Section 2. That Section 3104.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3104.02 *Civil Offenses*

In addition to any other means of enforcement provided for in these Codified Ordinances, each of the following sections may be enforced through the issuance of a Notice of Civil Offense to the Responsible Parties:

1. Section 337.23 Accessory Uses in Residence Districts
2. Section 337.231 Portable Storage Containers

3. Section 347.02 Restrictions on the Keeping of Farm Animals and Bees
4. Section 347.08 Regulations for Trash Areas and Refuse Containers
5. Section 347.10 Temporary Use Permits
6. Section 347.121 Hookah Lounges and Vapor Lounges
7. Section 349.02 Existing Off-Street Parking Facilities
8. Section 349.04 Required Parking Spaces
9. Section 349.13 Permitted Garages and Parking Space in Residence Districts
10. Section 350.121 Window Sign Coverage Limitation
11. Section 357.13 Yard Encroachments Permitted
12. Section 357.14 Yard Encroachments Prohibited
13. Section 365.02 Non-Owner-Occupied Residential Rental Unit Registration Required; Application for and Issuance of Certificate of Rental Registration; Certificate of Approving Rental Occupancy; Revocation
14. Section 365.04 Lead-Safe Certification Required for Residential Rental Units Built Before January 1, 1978
15. Section 369.08 Rubbish and Garbage Disposal
16. Section 369.13 General Maintenance Requirements
17. Section 369.14 Maintenance of Foundations
18. Section 369.15 Maintenance of Exterior Walls and Roof
19. Section 369.16 Maintenance of Interior Walls and Floors
20. Section 369.17 Infestation by Pests
21. Section 369.18 Exterior Property Areas
22. Section 369.19 Secondary or Appurtenant Structure
23. Section 371.03 Minimum Requirements for Fire-Protective Features
24. Section 371.05 Lighting of Public Hallways and Common Areas
25. Section 371.07 Rubbish and Garbage Disposal Facilities
26. Section 371.10 Sanitation Responsibilities of Owner and Occupant
27. Section 371.11 Required Heating Capacity
28. Section 371.13 Identification of Dwelling Units
29. Section 391.17 Maintenance
30. Section 392.02 Smoke Detection and Alarm Systems – Installation Required
31. Section 392.021 Carbon Monoxide Alarms; Installation Required in Rental Dwelling Units
32. Section 392.03 Testing, Inspection, and Notification
33. Section 392.04 Maintenance
34. Section 392.05 Tampering
35. Section 3101.10(e) Safety and Maintenance – Maintenance of Exterior Property Areas
36. Section 3101.11 Removal of Graffiti
37. Section 3103.09(f) Unsafe Structures and Exterior Property Nuisances; Violations and Remedial Notices; Cost Recovery – Vacating Buildings and Prohibited Use
38. Section 3103.091 Utility Shut-Off in Vacant and Unsafe Structures
39. Section 3103.10 Abandoned Service Stations
40. Section 3103.25 Violations Generally
41. Section 3105.01 Permits Required; Exceptions
42. Section 3105.02 Permit Applications; Plans and Specifications

- 43. Section 3105.05 Plans Required at Work Site
- 44. Section 3106.02 Duties of Responsible Party
- 45. Section 3106.03 Vacant Building Registration Required
- 46. Section 3106.04 Vacant Building Inspection, Obligation to Correct Violations, and Issuance of Certificate of Correction
- 47. Section 3106.06 Inspection Required for Transfer of Vacant Residential Property; Correction Required Following Transfer
- 48. Section 3109.11 Retractable Awnings
- 49. Section 3125.01 Protection of Excavations
- 50. Section 3141.05 Responsibility of Owner

Section 3. That Section 3104.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, is repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 229-2025

By Council Members: McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend the title and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1052-2024, passed November 25, 2024, to change the name of Prospect International Airport Services Corporation to Prospect International Airport Services, LLC.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the title and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1052-2024, passed November 25, 2024, are amended to read as follows:

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into a Lease Agreement with Prospect International Airport Services, LLC, for the lease of space located in the passenger terminal building at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, to support their wheelchair operations and other ancillary services for Delta Air Lines and other airlines, for a period of two years, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Section 1. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement (“Lease”) with Prospect International Airport Services, LLC (“Lessee”), for use and occupancy of approximately 500 square feet of space located on the ramp level of the passenger terminal building beneath Concourse B at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (“Leased Premises”), for use as an office space and break room to support their wheelchair operations and other ancillary services for Delta Air Lines and other airlines. The term of the Lease shall be for a period of two years, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control. For use of the Leased Premises, Lessee shall pay the City an annualized rates and charges per square foot, payable in twelve equal monthly installments, which rate is based on the airport’s annual rates and charges calculation, subject to annual changes based on the formula outlined in the Master Lease and Use Agreement, first entered into by the City of Cleveland and the signatory airlines at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on January 1, 2017.

Section 2. That the title and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1052-204, passed November 25, 2024, are repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the

Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 234-2025

By Council Members: Bishop and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants to provide technical support and maintenance of core information technology activities and other related services, and to acquire software, for the Department of Port Control, for a period of one year, with four one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to employ by contract or contracts, one or more consultants or one or more firms of consultants, for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland, in order to provide professional services necessary to provide technical support and maintenance of core information technology activities and other related services to acquire software, for a period of one year, with four one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

That the selection of the consultant or consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Port Control from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Port Control for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Port Control, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That under division (b) of Section 108 of the Charter, the purchases or procurements authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Port Control may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases or procurements, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors selected through that cooperative process.

Section 3. That the cost of the professional service contract or contracts and other expenditures shall be paid from Fund No. 60 SF 001. (RQS 3001, RL 2025-11)

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 238-2025

By Council Members: McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to amend Section 2 of Ordinance No. 402-2022, passed June 6, 2022, relating to general planning, engineering and design services, to add an additional funding source.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 402-2022, passed June 6, 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. That the cost of contract or contracts authorized shall be paid from Fund Nos. 60 SF 001 and 60 SF 126, RQS 3001, RL 2022-44.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 402-2022, passed June 6, 2022, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 240-2025

By Council Members: McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 828-2024, passed September 23, 2024, relating to the purchase of up to thirteen passenger-boarding bridges at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; and determining the method of making the public improvement of purchasing, installing, disposing, designing and constructing of up to thirteen passenger boarding bridges and appurtenances; and authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into one or more public improvement contracts for the making of the improvement.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 828-2024, passed September 23, 2024, this Council authorized the Director of Port Control to enter into one or more contracts for the purchase of up to thirteen passenger boarding bridges at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Port Control has determined there is an immediate benefit to complete construction as soon as possible, and to achieve that, a public improvement by way of a design-build contract is necessary instead; and

WHEREAS, the unique design, time, budgetary, or other material elements of this project can benefit from the special care, coordination, and expeditiousness possible by performance of both the professional design services and the construction under a public improvement approach contract with a single entity; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 828-2024, passed September 23, 2024, is repealed.

Section 2. That, under Section 167 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland, this Council determines to make the public improvement of purchasing, installing, disposing, relocating, designing and constructing of up to thirteen passenger boarding bridges and appurtenances at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (the “Improvement”), for the Department of Port Control, by one or more design-build or engineer, procure, construct contracts duly let to the person, firm, or corporation or combination of them submitting the best proposal, taking into consideration the engineering and design, the construction method, the proposed design and construction costs, the total life-cycle costs, the qualifications of the proposed design professional and construction firm, and the other objectives of the Improvement.

The selection of the person, firm, or corporation to design and construct the Improvement shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Port Control from a list of qualified and available persons, firms, or corporations, as may be determined by the Director of Port Control after making a full and complete canvass for the purpose of compiling the list. The Board of Control shall fix the total compensation to be paid for all design and construction and procurement necessary for the Improvement. The contract or contracts shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Port Control, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 3. That notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Chapters 181 and 183 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland, the Director of Port Control is authorized to execute all documents and pay all fees necessary to acquire any real estate interests needed for the Improvement.

Section 4. That the Director of Port Control is authorized to apply and pay for permits, licenses, or other authorizations required by any regulatory agency or public authority to permit performance of the work authorized by this ordinance.

Section 5. That the cost of the contracts and other expenditures authorized shall be paid from Fund Nos. 60 SF 001, 60 SF 141, and 60 SF 126, and from the fund or funds to which are credited any grant proceeds accepted for this purpose of federal passenger facility charges, if authorized for this purpose. (RQS 3001, RLA 2025-05)

Section 6. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 246-2025

By Council Members: Jones, Bishop, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Directors of Parks and Recreation and Community Development to enter into a property exchange agreement with the Board of Education of the Cleveland Municipal School District for the transfer of various properties between the parties to facilitate the efficient use of real estate for public purposes, including construction of the new JFK High School Athletic Stadium at property near the new JFK High School and City-owned Frederick Douglass Recreation Center; authorizing the Mayor and Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire and convey the properties; and authorizing one or more agreements between the Cleveland Municipal School District and the Director of Parks and Recreation relating to the construction and shared use of the new stadium, for a term of a minimum of fifteen years, and renewing automatically from year to year thereafter until terminated by either party.

WHEREAS, Section 3313.40 of the Revised Code permits a board of education and a municipal corporation to exchange real estate upon a vote of a majority of members of the board of education and a concurring vote of the legislative authority declaring that said exchange will be mutually beneficial to both parties; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Directors of Parks and Recreation and Community Development are authorized to enter into a property exchange agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Board of Education of the Cleveland Municipal School District (“CMSD”) for the mutually-beneficial exchange of various properties between the parties needed to facilitate the efficient use of real estate for public purposes, including construction of the new JFK High School Athletic Stadium at property near the new JFK High School and City-owned Frederick Douglass Recreation Center, which Agreement shall include provisions necessary to implement this ordinance. The new JFK High School Athletic Stadium will be comprised of the Stadium, an artificial turf field, track, grandstand, field house and other amenities (the “Stadium”) and reversionary rights as agreed upon by the parties.

Section 2. That notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Chapter 181 and 183 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies are authorized to accept the following properties from CMSD for future community and economic development opportunities:

**Former JFK High School
14.2288 Acres**

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, and known as being part of Sublot No. 29, all of Sublot Nos. 30 to 39 inclusive and part of a vacated 20-foot alley in the Harvard Heights Subdivision of part of Original Warrensville Township Lot No. 73 as recorded in Volume 100, Page 33 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records, all of Parcel "B" in the Cleveland Board of Education Parcel Split as recorded in Volume 251, Page 34 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records and other land in Original Warrensville Township Lot No. 73. Also being the land conveyed to the Board of Education of the Cleveland City School District as recorded in Volume 10184, Page 529, Volume 10184, Page 531, Volume 10994, Page 505 and Volume 11682, Page 269 of the Cuyahoga County Records and part of the land conveyed to the Board of Education of the Cleveland City School District as recorded in Volume 11682, Page 259, Volume 11682, Page 263 and Volume 12767, Page 175 of the Cuyahoga County Records, being more definitely described as follows;

Commencing at a 1" iron pin found in a monument box at the intersection of the centerline of Lee Road (80 feet wide) and the centerline of Harvard Avenue (80 feet wide);

Thence, along the centerline of Harvard Avenue, North 89° 11' 10" East, 958.58 feet;

Thence, leaving the centerline Harvard Avenue, South 00° 48' 50" East, 40.00 feet to a 7/8" iron pin found in the southerly right of way of Harvard Avenue at the northeasterly corner of Parcel "AA" in Map of Lot Split and Consolidation as recorded in Volume 325, Page 9 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records and the True Point of Beginning for the parcel herein described;

Thence, along the southerly right of way of Harvard Avenue, North 89° 11' 10" East, 451.42 feet to an iron pin set at the northeasterly corner of said Sublot No. 39;

Thence, leaving the southerly right of way of Harvard Avenue, along the easterly line of said Sublot No. 39 and its southerly prolongation, South 00° 48' 50" East, 144.00 feet to the centerline of a vacated 20-foot alley, said point being referenced by a railroad spike found 0.15 feet North and 0.09 feet East;

Thence, along the centerline of a vacated 20-foot alley, North 89° 11' 10" East, 45.00 feet to the northwesterly corner of land conveyed to the City of Cleveland as recorded in Volume 7085, Page 12 of the Cuyahoga County Records, said point being referenced by a drill hole found 0.28 feet North and 0.15 feet East;

Thence, along the westerly line of said land conveyed to the City of Cleveland, South 00° 48' 50" East, 76.00 feet to the southwesterly corner thereof, said point being referenced by a cut cross found 0.06 feet North and 0.44 feet West;

Thence, along the southerly line of said land conveyed to the City of Cleveland, North 89° 11' 10" East, 135.00 feet to a 7/8" iron pin found at the southeasterly corner thereof;

Thence, along the easterly line of said land conveyed to the City of Cleveland, North 00° 48' 50" West, 66.00 feet to the southerly line of a vacated 20-foot alley, said point being referenced by a drill hole found 0.26 feet North;

Thence, along the southerly line of a vacated 20-foot alley, North 89° 11' 10" East, 50.00 feet to the westerly line of Parcel "A" in Lot Split Plat recorded in Volume 276, Page 62 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records, said point being referenced by a 5/8" iron pin found 0.25 feet South and 0.19 feet West;

Thence, along the westerly and southerly lines of said Parcel "A", the following four courses;

South 00° 48' 50" East, 265.00 feet and passing through a MAG nail set at 240.00 feet;

Thence, North 89° 11' 10" East, 129.82 feet to an iron pin set and passing through an iron pin set at 10.00 feet;

Thence, South 00° 48' 50" East, 110.00 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence, North 89° 11' 10" East, 205.98 feet to an iron pin set in the westerly line of the Kolar-Hanus Subdivision as recorded in Volume 104, Page 40 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records;

Thence, along the westerly line of the Kolar-Hanus Subdivision, South 01° 42' 08" East, 304.53 feet to an iron pin set in the northerly line of the Adler Subdivision as recorded in Volume 149, Page 10 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records;

Thence, along the northerly line of the Adler Subdivision, North 88° 27' 14" West, 1022.80 feet to an iron pin set at the southeasterly corner of said Parcel "AA" in Map of Lot Split and Consolidation;

Thence, along the easterly line of Parcel "AA" in Map of Lot Split and Consolidation, North 00° 48' 50" West, 791.38 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing within said bounds 14.2288 acres (619,807 square feet) of land as surveyed by KS Associates, Inc. under the supervision of Trevor A. Bixler, Professional Surveyor, No. 7730 in April 2022.

Bearings are based on the Ohio State Plane, North Zone, NAD83(2011) Grid North.

All iron pins set are 5/8" x 30" capped rebar inscribed "KS ASSOCS INC PROP MARKER".

Section 3. That according to the Agreement referenced above, and by and at the direction of the Board of Control, the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies are authorized to convey the following properties to CMSD for various school purposes:

PPN 108-30-062

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:
And known as being Sublot 125 in the Cleveland Realty Company's Subdivision of part of Original 100 Acre Lot Nos. 362 and 370, as shown by the recorded plat in Volume 24 of Maps, Page 17 of Cuyahoga County Records, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Property Address: 777 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, OH 44108

PPN 108-29-050

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:
And known as being the southwesterly part of Sublot No. 126 in the Cleveland Realty Company's Subdivision of part of Original 100 Acre Lot Nos. 362 and 370, as shown by the recorded plat in Volume 24 of Maps, Page 17 of Cuyahoga County Records, and being 35 feet front on the easterly side of Parkwood Drive, N.E., (formerly Parkwood Boulevard), and extending back of equal width along the southerly line of said Sublot No. 126, 120 feet deep, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Property Address: 773 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, OH 44108

PPN 016-14-059

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:
And known as being Sublot No. 21 in Rhodes, Hartnell and Barber's Allotment of part of Original Brooklyn Township Lot No. 54, as shown by the recorded plat in Volume 5 of Maps, Page 3 of Cuyahoga County Records, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Property Address: 3172 West 44th Street, Cleveland, OH 44109

Section 4. That this Council finds that the transactions contemplated in this ordinance are mutually beneficial to the City and the CMSD.

Section 5. That, notwithstanding any provision of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, to the contrary, the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies are authorized to acquire, accept, record, and convey the properties

necessary to implement the Agreement, including but not limited to gift, fee simple acquisitions, temporary and permanent easements, and work agreements.

Section 6. That the conveyances shall be made by official deed prepared by the Director of Law and executed by the Mayor on behalf of the City. The deeds shall contain necessary provisions, including restrictive reversionary interests as may be specified by the Board of Control or Director of Law, which shall protect the parties as their respective interests require and shall specifically contain a provision against the erection of any advertising signs or billboards except permitted identification signs.

Section 7. That notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Chapters 183.07 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the transfer of properties between CMSD and the City are at no cost to either party, with all of the transactions together acknowledged and determined to be a fair market value transaction.

Section 8. That the Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with CMSD for the construction of the Stadium by CMSD on the following described property:

Parcel A
16.3785 Acres

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, and known as being part of Original Warrensville Township Lot Nos. 71 and 72, all of Sublots 491 through 519 and Sublots 405 through 409 in The Miles – Harvard Park Subdivision No. 4 as recorded in Volume 68 Page 30 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records, all of Sublots 552 through 556 and part of Sublot 557 in The Miles – Harvard Park Subdivision No. 5 as recorded in Volume 88 Page 26 of the Cuyahoga County Map Records, part of East 154th Street vacated 1-28-1952 by City of Cleveland Ordinance 2009-51 and part of South Lotus Drive vacated 7-7-1952 by City of Cleveland Ordinance No. 1438-52. Also being the land conveyed to City of Cleveland as recorded in Volume 6808 Page 115 and Certificate of Title Nos. 55616, 55617, 56521, 56804, 56805, 58645, 59280, 65123, 65134 and 79688 of the Cuyahoga County Records and part of the land conveyed to City of Cleveland as recorded in Volume 6245 Page 188, Volume 6806 Page 381 and Certificate of Title Nos. 55460 and 55618 of the Cuyahoga County Records being more definitely described as follows;

Commencing at the intersection of the easterly line of Original Warrensville Township Lot No. 72 and the centerline of Miles Avenue (width varies), said point being referenced by a ¾" iron pipe in a monument box found 0.10 feet South;

Thence, along the easterly line of Original Warrensville Township Lot No. 72, North 01° 04' 43" West, 45.83 feet to the northerly right of way of Miles Avenue and the **True Point of Beginning** for the parcel herein described;

Thence, along the northerly right of way of Miles Avenue the following two courses;

North 70° 50' 21" West, 135.47 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence, along the arc of a curve which deflects to the right, 39.26 feet to an iron pin set in the easterly right of way of East 151st Street (50 feet wide), said curve having a radius of 25.00 feet, a central angle of 89° 58' 41" and a chord of 35.35 feet which bears North 25° 51' 00" West;

Thence along the easterly right of way of East 151st Street the following three courses;

Along the arc of a curve which deflects to the left, 129.77 feet to an iron pin set, said curve having a radius of 368.00 feet, a central angle of 20° 12' 15" and a chord of 129.10 feet which bears North 09° 02' 13" East;

Thence North 01° 03' 54" West, 512.57 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence, along the arc of a curve which deflects to the right, 44.60 feet to an iron pin set in the southerly right of way of Lotus Drive (60 feet wide), said curve having a radius of 40.00 feet, a central angle of 63° 53' 30" and a chord of 42.33 feet which bears North 30° 52' 51" East;

Thence along the southerly right of way of Lotus Drive the following three courses;

Along the arc of a curve which deflects to the right 258.09 feet to an iron pin set, said curve having a radius of 1391.67 feet, a central angle of 10° 37' 33" and a chord of 257.72 feet which bears North 68° 08' 23" East;

Thence North 73° 27' 09" East, 280.26 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence North 88° 54' 21" East, 317.31 feet to an iron pin set in the centerline of vacated South Lotus Drive (50 feet wide);

Thence along the centerline of vacated South Lotus Drive the following two courses;

South 00° 57' 39" East, 34.57 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence along the arc of a curve which deflects to the left, 61.28 feet to an iron pin set, said curve having a radius of 65.00 feet, a central angle of 54° 01' 00" and a chord of 59.04 feet which bears South 27° 58' 09" East;

Thence, leaving said centerline, South 00° 00' 00" West, 550.07 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence North 90° 00' 00" West, 276.09 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence South 08° 21' 36" East, 21.61 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence South 00° 42' 19" West, 225.59 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence South 11° 28' 11" West, 202.90 feet to an iron pin set in the northerly right of way of Miles Avenue;

Thence, along the northerly right of way of Miles Avenue, North 70° 50' 21" West, 451.40 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing within said bounds 16.3785 acres (713,446 square feet) of land as surveyed by KS Associates, Inc. under the supervision of Trevor A. Bixler, Professional Surveyor, No. 7730 in January, February and March, 2016.

All iron pins set are 5/8" x 30" capped rebar inscribed "KS ASSOCS INC PROP MARKER".

Bearings are based on the Ohio State Plane, North Zone NAD83(2011) Grid North.

The agreement referenced in this section shall include, but not be limited to, the City's obligation to provide up to \$2.1 million dollars in funding to CMSD for construction of the Stadium, payable from Fund No. 20 SF 714 and from any other funds approved by the Director of Finance. (RQS 0103, RL 2025-21)

Section 9. That the Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into a Shared-Use Agreement with CMSD for the use of the Stadium by the City. The Shared Use Agreement shall be at no cost to either party and shall be for a term of a minimum of fifteen years and renew automatically from year to year thereafter until terminated by either party.

Section 10. That the agreements authorized in this ordinance shall be prepared by the Director of Law and shall contain provisions necessary to protect and benefit the City.

Section 11. That the Directors of Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Law, and other appropriate City officials, as appropriate, are authorized to execute any other documents and certificates, and take any other actions which may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate this ordinance.

Section 12. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 338-2025

By Council Members: Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Building and Housing to enter into one or more contracts with Crowe LLP for professional services necessary to perform lead-safe auditor services, for a period of three years.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Building and Housing is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Crowe LLP for professional services necessary to perform lead-safe auditor services to monitor the City lead-safe certification process to ensure efficiency and effectiveness, and other related services including, but not limited to, a performance audit of the lead-safe certification process and maintaining a list of certified inspectors and contractors, and coordinating quarterly monitoring and reporting with the Lead-Safe Advisory Board, for the Department of Building and Housing, for a period of three years.

Section 2. That the contract or contracts shall not exceed \$289,500, and be paid from Fund No. 01-8501-6320. (RQS 8501, RLA 2025-10)

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 423-2025**By Council Member:** Gray

An emergency ordinance to add the name Jonah Moore, Sr. Way as a secondary and honorary name to Dickens Avenue between East 93rd Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That, notwithstanding and as an exception to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland, 1976, the name Jonah Moore, Sr. Way shall be added as a secondary and honorary name to Dickens Avenue between East 93rd Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.**Effective April 16, 2025.**

Ordinance No. 434-2025

By Council Members: Starr, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with JSAACC LLC, and/or its designee, to assist with the financing of the African Town Plaza Project to be located at 7515 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; to provide for payments to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; and to declare certain improvements to real property to be a public purpose.

WHEREAS, under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code, improvements to real property may be declared to be a public purpose where fee title to the real property was, at one time, held by the City of Cleveland and the real property is then leased or conveyed by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinance authority, the City will have duly entered into the chain of title for the real property that is more particularly described in this ordinance (the “Real Property”) pursuant to the requirements of Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code prior to the passage of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Real Property is to be developed in accordance with the Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan, a copy of which is placed in **File No. 434-2025-A**; and

WHEREAS, under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code, the improvements declared to be a public purpose may be exempt from real property taxation; and

WHEREAS, under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code, the owners of the improvements may be required to make annual service payments in lieu of taxes that would have been paid had the improvement not been exempt; and

WHEREAS, under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code, the exemption may exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the improvements for up to thirty (30) years when a portion of the service payments so collected are distributed to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (“District”) in an amount equal to the amount the District would have received had the improvement not been exempt; and

WHEREAS, the District has been notified of the intent to enter into a tax increment financing agreement authorized by this ordinance in compliance with division (C)(4) of Sections 5709.41, and 5709.83 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the improvements (the “Improvements”) to be constructed by JSAACC LLC, and/or its designee (the “Redeveloper”), are declared to be a public purpose as required by of Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code. The Real Property is more fully described below and as may subsequently be replatted, re-numbered, or revised:

**Exhibit A
Legal Description**

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, and known as being Sublots Nos. 43 and 44 in George Watkins Subdivision, of parts of the Original 100 Acre Lots Nos. 336 and 339 as shown by the recorded plat in Volume 4 of Maps, Page 21 of Cuyahoga County Records, and of original 100 Acre lots 336 and 339, and together forming a parcel of land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of northerly line of Cedar Avenue S.E. with the westerly line of East 77th Street (formerly Watkins Avenue); thence Northerly along the westerly line of East 77th Street 150 feet, to the southeasterly corner of Sublot No. 42 in George Watkins Subdivision as aforesaid; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said Sublot No. 42, 111 feet to the southwesterly corner thereof; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of Sublots Nos. 42 and 41 in George Watkins Subdivision as aforesaid, 51.16 feet to the Southeasterly corner of land conveyed to The Fuller Carpet Cleaning and Rug Manufacturing Company by deed dated April 4, 1904, and recorded in Volume 949, Page 577 of Cuyahoga County Records; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of land so conveyed to the Fuller Carpet Cleaning and Rug Manufacturing Company 85.89 feet to the Easterly line of land conveyed to Bernhard Schatzinger by deed dated March 1, 1898, and recorded in Volume 690, Page 124 of Cuyahoga County Records; thence Southerly along the Easterly line of land so conveyed to Bernhard Schatzinger 192.27 feet to the northerly line of Cedar Avenue S.E. about 197.30 feet to the place of beginning, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Property Address: 7515 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44103

Permanent Parcel Number: 118-25-101

Section 2. That the City, having entered into title in 2025, that year is established as the base year for determining the increment or appreciated value after completion of the Improvements. One hundred percent (100%) of the Improvements are declared exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty (30) years, effective and commencing the first year the value of the Improvements are reflected on the tax duplicate; and that in no event shall the exemption period extend beyond 2057. The terms of the agreement, which shall not be materially changed without further legislative action by Council, will be as follows:

<u>Project Name:</u>	African Town Plaza
<u>Project Address:</u>	7515 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44103

Developer: JSAACC LLC and/or designee
Project Manager: Bobby Bruno
Ward/Councilperson: 5 – Starr
City Assistance: Non-School TIF



Project Summary

James Sosan is an award-winning real estate developer and contractor with 20 plus years of experience with adaptive reuse and historic rehabilitation development projects. He has redeveloped the twenty-unit apartment building at 2928 South Moreland Boulevard, the Historic YMCA building at 3200 Franklin Boulevard, and the building known today as Metro Lofts in Tremont. For his next real estate development project, Mr. Sosan formed JSAACC LLC (“Company”) to acquire and redevelop the building located at 7515 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103 (“Project Site”).

The Company purchased the 47,816 square foot structure in 2023. The building’s historical use was as the Cedar Branch for the YMCA, which it operated as from the 1940’s through the 1970’s. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places, having been one of the only Cleveland-area YMCA branches to serve, support, and house Black patrons including, Carl and Louis Stokes, in Jim Crow America.

Mr. Sosan’s plan for the property is to make it the first phase of a destination known as “African Town Plaza.” The 3-story building will be renovated into a mix of commercial and residential uses. The third floor will comprise 19 apartment units, including units designated for low-income residents. The first and second floors will be converted to an event center for cultural events, a commercial kitchen promoting African cooking, a multi-media space, and commercial office space. Future retail-focused phases of the African Town Plaza are in early-stage planning. Improvements to the property will take place now through 2025. In order to assist with the project financing, the Developer has requested the City impose a 5709.41, 30-Year, Non-School TIF. The TIF will support debt service related to the project. The project will create and/or cause to create approximately 5 new W-2 jobs at the Project Site with an approximate payroll of \$150,000. The total project investment is expected to exceed \$9 million.

Proposed City Assistance

- This ordinance will authorize the Director of Economic Development to enter into a 30-year non-school Tax Increment Finance (TIF) agreement with JSAACC, LLC and/or its designee. The City will have declared certain improvements with respect to the project to be a public purpose and exempt 100% of the improvements from real property taxes.
- The Developer agrees to make certain improvements to the parcel and make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) equal to the taxes that would have been paid for the parcel but for the TIF. A portion of the PILOTs will be paid to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in the amount the District would have otherwise received but for the TIF by the County ("District Payments"). The balance of the PILOTs will be utilized to fund eligible project costs and project debt. The developer will be responsible for any shortfall of PILOT payments for project costs.
- The TIF will be immediately effective on the residential after the expiration of the 15-year, 100% tax abatement.

Economic Impact

- Creation of approximately 5 new full-time jobs in the City of Cleveland
- Project estimates \$3,750 in new annual City tax revenue generated from new employees

City Requirements

- Subject to Chapter 187: MBE/FBE/CSB requirements
- Subject to Chapter 188: Fannie Lewis Cleveland Residential Employment Law
- Subject to a Workforce Development Agreement for all new jobs
- Subject to a Community Benefits Agreement

Section 3. That, under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code, Redeveloper, or the owners of the Improvements, shall make service payments for a period of thirty (30) years in lieu of the exempt taxes to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer or Treasurer, or designee; the payments shall be charged and collected in the same manner, and shall be in an amount not less than the taxes that would have been paid had the Improvements not been exempt from taxation.

Section 4. That a portion of the service payments collected under this ordinance shall be distributed by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer or Treasurer, or designee to the Treasurer of the District, in the amount of the taxes that would have been payable to the District had the Improvements not been exempt from taxation.

Section 5. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with Redeveloper to provide for the exemption and service payments described in this ordinance, including agreements securing the payments described in this ordinance, which agreement or agreements shall contain those terms contained in this ordinance.

Section 6. That when applicable under Section 5709.43 of the Revised Code, there is established an Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund into which shall be deposited Service Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOTS" or "Service Payments") that shall be used for financing the public purpose Improvements, including project debt service, bond payments, and reimbursement of project construction costs, or for other economic development purposes as determined by the Director of Economic Development.

Section 7. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and any of its committees that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 8. That the Directors of Economic Development, Finance, and Office of Equal Opportunity, are authorized to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with the Redeveloper as a condition to receiving the benefit of the incentive under this ordinance.

Section 9. That the contract or contracts authorized by this ordinance shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 10. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Ordinance No. 500-2025

By Council Member: Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance approving the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council (Finger Printers and Scientific Examiners); and to amend Section 28 of Ordinance No. 194-2021, passed March 29, 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1284-2022, passed December 5, 2022, relating to compensation for various classifications.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That under division (B) of Section 4117.10 of the Revised Code, this Council approves the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council (Finger Printers and Scientific Examiners), under the terms contained in **File No. 500-2025-A**, for the period from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2028, and which provides, among other things, for an increase in the salaries and wages for members of the bargaining unit under the following schedule:

<u>Increase</u>	<u>Approximate Date of Increase</u>
3%	April 1, 2025
2.75%	April 1, 2026
2.50%	April 1, 2027

Section 2. That Section 28 of Ordinance No. 194-2021, passed March 29, 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1284-2022, passed December 5, 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Section 28. *Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council (Finger Printers and Scientific Examiners).* That salaries and compensation in the following classifications shall be fixed by the appointing authority in accordance with the schedule appearing after each classification:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
1 Fingerprint Examiner	39,317.72	55,405.50
2 Scientific Examiner	48,664.50	80,554.11

Section 3. That existing Section 28 of Ordinance No. 194-2021, passed March 29, 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1284-2022, passed December 5, 2022, is repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it

shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Resolution No. 469-2025**By Council Member:** Howse-Jones

An emergency resolution recognizing National Black Maternal Health Week April 11 - April 17, 2025, and declaring this week Black Maternal Health Week in the City of Cleveland; and honoring the efforts of Black-led organizations driving systemic change in maternal health, and committing to supporting initiatives that promote equity, healing, and thriving communities.

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week is a national week of action held each year that aims to raise awareness around racial inequities in maternal health outcomes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week 2025 (BMHW25) is April 11-17, 2025, and embraces the theme “Healing Legacies: Strengthening Black Maternal Health Through Collective Action and Advocacy,” highlighting the leadership and impact of Black-led perinatal, maternal, and reproductive health organizations in driving systemic change and fostering community healing; and

WHEREAS, this theme acknowledges the persistent legacies of systemic oppression, reproductive injustices, and health inequities that have disproportionately impacted Black mothers, families, and individuals, emphasizing the importance of healing at both the individual and community levels while promoting restorative approaches to maternal health care; and

WHEREAS, BMHW25 celebrates the leadership and expertise of Black community-based organizations as pivotal drivers for advancing equity and ensuring sustainable improvements in maternal health outcomes, underscoring the role of collective action and collaboration among Black-led organizations, advocates, and communities to amplify solutions, shape policies, and lead advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland recognizes the work of Birthing Beautiful Communities, Pregnant with Possibilities, and Village of Healing as proven leaders in advancing equity and transformative maternal health improvements within our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland encourages residents to participate in Black Maternal Health Week activities to connect with and learn about the lifesaving work being done by these organizations to ensure healthier futures for Black mothers, families, and communities;

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the City of Cleveland joins the national celebration of Black Maternal Health Week 2025 on April 11 - April 17, 2025; declares this week Black Maternal Health Week in the City of Cleveland; honors the efforts of Black-led organizations driving systemic change in maternal health; and commits to supporting initiatives that promote equity, healing, and thriving communities.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Resolution No. 493-2025

By Council Member: Jones

An emergency resolution objecting to the transfer of stock of a C2, C2X, and D6, Liquor Permit to 4127 East 131st Street.

WHEREAS, Council has been notified by the Department of Liquor Control of an application for a transfer of stock of a C2, C2X, and D6, Liquor Permit at 4127 East 131st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44105, Permanent Number 6904577; and

WHEREAS, the granting of this application for a liquor permit to this high crime area, which is already saturated with other liquor outlets, is contrary to the best interests of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the applicant does not qualify to be a permit holder and/or has demonstrated that he has operated his liquor business in disregard of the laws, regulations or local ordinances of this state or any other state; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought has not conformed to the building, safety or health requirements of the governing body of this County or City; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so arranged or constructed that law enforcement officers or agents of the Department of Liquor Control are prevented reasonable access to the establishment; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so located with respect to the neighborhood that it substantially interferes with public decency, sobriety, peace or good order; and

WEHREAS, this objection is based on other legal grounds as set forth in Revised Code Section 4303.292; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, prosperity, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 4303.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. Council's objection to said permit must be received by the Director of Liquor Control within 30 days of notification; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

Section 1. That Council does hereby record its objection to a transfer of stock of a C2, C2X, and D6, Liquor Permit at 4127 East 131st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44105, Permanent Number 6904577, and requests the Director of Liquor Control to set a hearing for said application in accordance with provisions of Section 4303.26 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution, together with two copies of a letter of objection and two copies of a letter requesting that the hearing be held in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Resolution No. 494-2025**By Council Member:** Santana**An emergency resolution objecting to the transfer of ownership of a C2 and C2X Liquor Permit to 3738 Newark Avenue, 1st Floor.**

WHEREAS, Council has been notified by the Division of Liquor Control of an application for the transfer of ownership of a C2 and C2X Liquor Permit from Family Food Market, Inc., 3738 Newark Avenue, 1st Floor Cleveland, Ohio 44109, Permit No. 2631438 to FF Market, LLC., 3738 Newark Avenue, 1st Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44109, Permit No. 2704971; and

WHEREAS, the granting of this application for a liquor permit to this high crime area, which is already saturated with other liquor outlets, is contrary to the best interests of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the applicant does not qualify to be a permit holder and/or has demonstrated that he has operated his liquor business in disregard of the laws, regulations or local ordinances of this state or any other state; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought has not conformed to the building, safety or health requirements of the governing body of this County or City; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so arranged or constructed that law enforcement officers or agents of the Division of Liquor Control are prevented reasonable access to the establishment; and

WHEREAS, the place for which the permit is sought is so located with respect to the neighborhood that it substantially interferes with public decency, sobriety, peace or good order; and

WHEREAS, this objection is based on other legal grounds as set forth in Revised Code Section 4303.292; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, prosperity, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 4303.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. Council's objection to said permit must be received by the Superintendent of Liquor Control within 30 days of notification; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

Section 1. That Council does hereby record its objection to the transfer of ownership of a C2 and C2X Liquor Permit from Family Food Market, Inc., 3738 Newark Avenue, 1st Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44109, Permit No. 2631438 to FF Family, LLC., 3738 Newark

Avenue, 1st Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44109, Permit No. 2704971, and requests the Superintendent of Liquor Control to set a hearing for said application in accordance with provisions of Section 4303.26 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution, together with two copies of a letter of objection and two copies of a letter requesting that the hearing be held in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Resolution No. 495-2025**By Council Member:** Polensek**An emergency resolution withdrawing objection to the renewal of a D1, D2, D3, and D3A Liquor Permit at 13933 St. Clair Avenue patio and repealing Resolution No. 704-2024 objecting to said renewal.**

WHEREAS, this Council objected to the renewal of a D1, D2, D3, and D3A Liquor Permit to Wilchris, Inc., DBA: Christine's Lounge, 13933 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, Permit No. 9606930 by Resolution No. 704-2024, adopted by the Council on July 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to withdraw its objection to the above permit and consents to said permit; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That objection to the renewal of a D1, D2, D3, and D3A Liquor Permit to Wilchris, Inc., DBA: Christine's Lounge, 13933 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, Permit No. 9606930 be and the same is hereby withdrawn and Resolution No. 704-2024, containing such objection, be and the same is hereby repealed and that this Council consents to the immediate permit thereof.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted April 14, 2025.**Effective April 16, 2025.**

Resolution No. 505-2025**By Council Member:** Hairston

An emergency resolution withdrawing objection to the transfer of ownership of a D3A, D3 and D1 Liquor Permit at 18025-29 Euclid Avenue and repealing Resolution No. 1210-2024 objecting to said permit.

WHEREAS, this Council objected to a transfer of ownership of a D3A, D3 and D1 liquor permit to Northeast Ohio Dream Developments, LLC., DBA: Pure Soul & Seafood, 18025-29 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, Permit Number 66421750005, by Resolution No. 1210-2024, adopted by the Council on November 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to withdraw its objection to the above permit and consents to said permit; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That objection to the transfer of ownership of a D3A, D3 and D1 liquor permit to Northeast Ohio Dream Developments, LLC., DBA: Pure Soul & Seafood, 18025-29 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, Permit Number 66421750005, be and the same is hereby withdrawn and Resolution No. 1210-2024, containing such objection, be and the same is hereby repealed and that this Council consents to the immediate permit thereof.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted April 14, 2025.

Effective April 16, 2025.

Directory of City Officials

City Council

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President of Council – Blaine A. Griffin

City Clerk, Clerk of Council – Patricia J. Britt

<i>Council Member</i>	<i>Ward</i>
Joseph T. Jones	1
Kevin L. Bishop	2
Kerry McCormack	3
Deborah A. Gray	4
Richard A. Starr	5
Blaine A. Griffin	6
Stephanie D. Howse-Jones	7
Michael D. Polensek	8
Kevin Conwell	9
Anthony T. Hairston	10
Danny Kelly	11
Rebecca Maurer	12
Kris Harsh	13
Jasmin Santana	14
Jenny Spencer	15
Brian Kazy	16
Charles Slife	17

Permanent Schedule – Standing Committees of the Council 2022-2025

[* denotes interim committee member]

MONDAY – Alternating

9:30 a.m. – **Health, Human Services and the Arts Committee:** Conwell (CHAIR), Maurer (VICE-CHAIR), Gray, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Slife, Starr.

9:30 a.m. – **Municipal Services and Properties Committee:** Bishop (CHAIR), Starr (VICE-CHAIR), Gray*, Hairston, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer.

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. – **Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Griffin (CHAIR), McCormack (VICE-CHAIR), Bishop, Conwell, Hairston, Kazy, Polensek, Santana, Spencer.

TUESDAY

1:30 p.m. – **Workforce, Education, Training and Youth Development Committee:** Santana (CHAIR), Howse-Jones (VICE-CHAIR), Conwell*, Gray, Slife, Spencer, Starr.

TUESDAY – Alternating

9:30 a.m. – **Development, Planning and Sustainability Committee:** Hairston (CHAIR), Santana (VICE-CHAIR), Harsh, Howse-Jones, McCormack, Slife*, Spencer.

WEDNESDAY – Alternating

10:00 a.m. – **Safety Committee:** Polensek (CHAIR), Gray, Howse-Jones, Kazy*, Kelly, Slife, Starr.

10:00 a.m. – **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** McCormack (CHAIR), Slife (VICE-CHAIR), Bishop, Gray, Kazy, Maurer, Santana.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. – **Utilities Committee:** Kazy (CHAIR), Spencer (VICE-CHAIR), Bishop, Gray, Harsh, Kelly, Polensek.

The following Committees meet at the Call of the Chair:

Mayor's Appointments Committee: Harsh (CHAIR), Griffin, Hairston, Polensek*, Starr.

Operations Committee: McCormack (CHAIR), Bishop, Conwell, Griffin, Maurer.

Rules Committee: Griffin (CHAIR), Conwell, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek.

City Departments

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MAYOR – Justin M. Bibb

Bradford J. Davy, Chief of Staff

Ryan M. Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer

Jeff Epstein, Chief of Integrated Development

Sarah N. Johnson, Chief Communications Officer

Michele Pomerantz, Chief of Education

Sonya Pryor-Jones, Chief of Youth and Family Success

Bonnie Teeuwen, Chief Operating Officer

Stephanie Wernet, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer

AGING – Mary McNamara, Director

BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS AND BUILDING APPEALS –

Carmella Davis, Secretary

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS –

Elizabeth Kukla, Secretary

BUILDING AND HOUSING –

Sally Martin O'Toole, Director

Divisions:

Navid Hussain, Commissioner, Construction Permitting

Richard Riccardi, Assistant Commissioner, Construction Permitting

Thomas E. Vanover, Commissioner, Code Enforcement

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – Calley Mersmann, Director

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – Rachon Long, Executive Director**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Alyssa Hernandez, Director**Divisions:**

Administrative Service – Joy Anderson, Commissioner

Office of Fair Housing and Consumer Affairs – John Mahoney, Manager

Neighborhood Development – James Greene, Commissioner

Neighborhood Services – Louise Jackson, Commissioner

COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION – Jason Goodrick, Interim Executive Director**COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD** – Angela Shute-Woodson, Executive Director**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Thomas S. McNair, Director**FINANCE** – Paul C. Barrett, Director**Divisions:**

Accounts – Lonya Moss-Walker, Commissioner

Assessments and Licenses – Dedrick Stephens, Commissioner

Financial Reporting and Control – James Gentile, Controller

Information Technology and Services – Kimberly Roy Wilson, Commissioner

Internal Audit – Natasha Brandt, Manager

Printing and Reproduction – Michael Hewett, Commissioner

Purchases and Supplies – Tiffany White Johnson, Commissioner

Sinking Fund Commission – Betsy Hruby, Manager

Taxation – Kevin Preslan, Commissioner and Income Tax Administrator

Treasury – James Hartley, Treasurer

HUMAN RESOURCES – Matthew J. Cole, Director

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY – Stephanie Wernet, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer

LANDMARKS COMMISSION – Daniel A. Musson, Secretary

LAW – Mark D. Griffin, Director

Michele Comer, Chief Counsel

Stephanie K. Melnyk, Chief Corporate Counsel

Elena Boop, Chief Trial Counsel

Aqueelah Jordan, Chief Prosecutor

Delanté Spencer Thomas, Chief Ethics Officer

John Skrtic, Law Librarian

MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS – James D. DeRosa, Director

Divisions:

Architecture and Site Development – Mark Duluk, Manager

Engineering and Construction – Richard J. Switalski, Manager

Real Estate – Susanne Degennaro, Commissioner

MAYOR’S OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY – Tyson Mitchell, Director

MAYOR’S OFFICE OF URBAN ANALYTICS AND INNOVATION – Elizabeth Crowe, Director

MAYOR’S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY – Sarah O’Keeffe, Director

PARKS AND RECREATION – Alexandria Nichols, Director

PORT CONTROL – Bryant L. Francis, Director

Divisions:

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport & Burke Lakefront Airport – Khalid Bahhur,
Commissioner of Airports

Burke Lakefront Airport – Tony Campofredano, Airport Leader

PUBLIC HEALTH – David Margolius, M.D., Director

Divisions:

Air Quality – David Hearne, Commissioner

Environment – Wallace L. Chambers, Jr., Commissioner

Health – Frances Mills, Commissioner

Health Equity and Social Justice – Lita Marie Wills, Commissioner

Vital Statistics – Andrea Kacinari, City Registrar

PUBLIC SAFETY – Dornat A. Drummond, Director

Divisions:

Animal Control Services – Cory Keller, Chief Animal Control Officer

Emergency Medical Service – Orlando Wheeler, Commissioner

Emergency Operations Center – Nicole Carlton, Assistant Director

Fire – Anthony P. Luke, Chief

Police – Dorothy A. Todd, Chief

Professional Standards – Roger C. Smith, Administrator

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Martin J. Keane, Director

Divisions:

Cleveland Public Power – Ammon Danielson, Commissioner

Radio Communications – Brad Handke, Manager

TV 20 – Kathy Allen, General Manager

Utilities Fiscal Control – Catherine Troy, Chief Financial Officer

Water – Alex Margevicius, Commissioner

Water Pollution Control – Ramona Lowery-Ferrell, Commissioner

PUBLIC WORKS – Frank D. Williams, Director

Administration:

Administration – John Laird, Manager

Susie Claytor, Executive Commissioner, Public Auditorium

Kim Johnson, Interim Executive Commissioner, Prevention, Intervention and
Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

Divisions:

Motor Vehicle Maintenance – Jeffrey Brown, Commissioner

Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers – Samuel Gissentaner,
Commissioner

Park Maintenance and Properties – Toi Porch, Interim Commissioner

Parking Facilities – Kim Johnson, Commissioner

Property Management – Tom Nagle, Commissioner

Streets – Randell Scott, Commissioner

Traffic Engineering – Robert Mavec, Commissioner

Waste Collection and Disposal – Terrell H. Pruitt, Commissioner

Cleveland Municipal Court

Justice Center

1200 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio, 44113

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<i>Judge</i>	<i>Courtroom</i>
Presiding and Administrative Judge Michelle D. Earley	14-C
Judge Marilyn B. Cassidy	13-A
Judge Mark R. Majer	12-B
Judge Lauren C. Moore	15-A
Judge Andrea Nelson Moore	12-A
Judge Michael L. Nelson, Sr.	15-C
Judge Ann Clare Oakar	14-A
Judge Charles L. Patton, Jr.	14-B
Housing Court Judge W. Moná Scott	13-B
Judge Suzan M. Sweeney	12-C
Judge Jazmin Torres-Lugo	13-C
Judge Shiela Turner McCall	13-D
Judge Joseph J. Zone	14-D

Earle B. Turner – Clerk of Courts

Russell R. Brown, III – Court Administrator

Belinda Gest – Housing Court Administrator

Robert J. Furda – Chief Bailiff

Dean Jenkins – Chief Probation Officer

Gregory F. Clifford – Chief Magistrate

City Links

Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals

<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bza/bbs.html>

Board of Zoning Appeals

<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/bza/cpc.html>

City Bids

Invitations to Bid

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Finance/BID>

Requests for Proposals/Requests for Qualifications

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Finance/RFP>

Cleveland Water

<http://www.clevelandwater.com/work-with-us/invitations-to-bid>

Water Pollution Control

http://wpc.clevelandwater.com/?page_id=3342

Cleveland Airports

<https://www.clevelandairport.com/about-us/business-cle/bids-rfps>

City Jobs

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/HumanResources>

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cleveland>

City of Cleveland

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/>

City of Cleveland Charter and Codified Ordinances

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/cleveland/latest/overview>

Civil Service Commission

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/CivilServiceCommission>

Cleveland City Council

<http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/>

Cleveland Courts

Cleveland Municipal Court

<http://clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/home.html>

Clerk of Courts – Cleveland Municipal Court

<https://clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/clerk-of-courts>

Cleveland Housing Court

<http://clevelandhousingcourt.org/>