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The Honorable Blaine Griffin President, Cleveland City Council 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216 Cleveland, OH 44114

Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on January 22, 2024

Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the January 22, 2024, City Council Meeting regarding legislation to amend Sections 241.05 and 241.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 1183-2023, passed October 23, 2023 relating to food shops licenses and fees and categories and fees.

These sections were previously updated in a timely manner but when the numbers were sent to the State, rounding errors to the fees were discovered. Further delaying this legislation implementing the proper licensing fees will hold up the Cleveland Department of Public Health from collecting the appropriate licenses and fees from food shop operators. (For example, the fees for non-commercial food service operations and non-commercial retail food establishments less than 25,000 sq ft Risk Level I will change from \$114 to \$115 and Risk Level IV from \$298 to \$299. Additionally, for non-commercial food service operations and non-commercial retail food establishments greater than 25,000 sq ft Risk Level IV will change from \$616 to \$617.)

Passage of this legislation will allow the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health, to continue our work with food services operators and retail food establishments on ensuring the proper licensing and fees are collected.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-6790.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Margolius, Director Department of Public Health

Approved:

Blaine Griffin, President Cleveland City Council

Cc: Patricia Britt, Clerk of Council

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