

# Ordinance No. 1004-2023

**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 Cuyahoga County for administration and operation of the Family Justice Center; and to pay the County for its share of the costs, for a period up to four years.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Safety, the Cleveland Municipal Court and Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services desire to cooperate in providing a Family Justice Center that will serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, the model for the Family Justice Center is designed to address pitfalls commonly faced by victims, including an often fragmented assistance system; and

WHEREAS, the services offered at the Family Justice Center will bridge the gap by offering a more rational, collaborative, victim-centered service delivery approach with increased data and information sharing capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City and Cuyahoga County will share in the cost of operating the Family Justice Center; 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 Safety is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with Cuyahoga County for administration and operation of the Family Justice Center, for a period up to four years. That the agreement(s) shall provide, among other things, that the City shall pay the County the following amounts for its share of the costs associated with the operation of the Family Justice Center, which amounts do not include the additional charge for utilities and building maintenance estimated at \$18,750 annually: \$189,000 for the first year; \$195,750 for the second year; \$202,500 for the third year; and \$209,250 for the fourth year.

Section 2. That the agreement(s) shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 3. That the costs for the first year of the term shall be paid from Fund No. 01-6001-6360 and the costs for each remaining year of the term are subject to annual appropriation. (RQS 6001, RLA 2023-80)

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.

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**READ FIRST TIME on SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**  
**and referred to DIRECTORS of Public Safety, Finance, Law;**  
**COMMITTEES on Safety, Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

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