

# Ordinance No. 747-2023

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

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to continue to lease or otherwise make available certain space located in the Ticket House building adjacent to Cleveland's Historic League Park to the Negro League Baseball Legends of Fame Inc. dba Baseball Heritage Museum for the purpose of storing and displaying historical baseball memorabilia relevant to League Park, for a period of up to five years with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

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WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland (the "City") owns and operates Cleveland's Historic League Park Baseball Field and Visitors Center ("League Park Complex") at 6601 Lexington Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103, and the "Ticket House" is an approximately 6,000 square feet building adjacent to the League Park Complex at the corner of Lexington Avenue and E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 146-2019, passed March 4, 2019, the City leased space in the Ticket House to the Negro League Baseball Legends of Fame Inc. dba Baseball Heritage Museum ("Baseball Heritage Museum"), an Ohio non-profit corporation, to store and display to the general public historical baseball memorabilia relevant to League Park and the game of baseball, the lease of which expires August 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, both the City and the Baseball Heritage Museum desire to continue this relationship; 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 notwithstanding any provisions of Chapters 181 and 183 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the Director of Public Works is authorized to continue the City's relationship with Baseball Heritage Museum by leasing or otherwise making available the first and second floors of the Ticket House, measuring approximately 4,000 square feet of space, which is not needed for the City's public use.

Section 2. That the lease or operating agreement may authorize the Baseball Heritage Museum to sell baseball-related merchandise to the general public provided

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that such merchandise is related to its mission to preserve and present the history of diversity in baseball by entertaining, educating and enlightening the visiting public about the multicultural heritage of baseball and the values it represents. Further, any lease or operating agreement shall require that the net proceeds from the sale of any merchandise authorized under this provision will be used to offset operating expenses of the Ticket House by the Baseball Heritage Museum.

Section 3. That the term of any lease or operating agreement authorized by this ordinance shall not exceed five (5) years with two (2) one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

Section 4. That the Ticket House space operated by the Baseball Heritage Museum and authorized by this ordinance shall carry a lease rental rate of one dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration for the term of operations, which is determined to be fair market value, exclusive of utilities.

Section 5. That the lease or operating agreement shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 6. That the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to execute any other documents and certificates, and take any other actions that may be necessary or appropriate to effect the lease or operating agreement authorized by this ordinance.

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.

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7-12-2023  
FOR: Director Williams

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