

Resolution No. 708-2026

**By Council Members Howse-Jones,
Santana and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Appointing an Assessment Equalization Board to hear objections to estimated assessments with respect to the creation of the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement District in the City and the initial plan for public services for the District; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 480-2026, adopted May 11, 2026, this Council approved the creation of the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement District as a Special Improvement District in the City (the “District”); accepted petitions from owners of property in the proposed District; approved the initial plan for public services; declared it necessary to provide maintenance, security, marketing, and other services for the District; and provided for the assessment of the cost of such services upon benefited property in the District; and

WHEREAS, under the above resolution the estimated assessments for the services have been prepared and placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, notice of the adoption of the resolution and of the filing of the estimated assessments was duly served on all property owners to be assessed in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, written objections to the estimated assessments may be filed by affected property owners; and

WHEREAS, under Section 727.16 of the Revised Code, this Council shall appoint an Assessment Equalization Board to hear objections to the proposed assessments by affected landowners, and shall fix the time and place for the hearing by such board of such objections, and the Clerk of Council shall notify, by certified mail, any persons so objecting of the time and place of such hearing; 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 three disinterested freeholders of the City shall be appointed as an Assessment Equalization Board to hear and determine all written objections filed under the law to the estimated assessments heretofore filed with the Clerk of Council under Resolution No. 480-2026, adopted May 11, 2026, by this Council.

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Section 2. That the Assessment Equalization Board shall meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 6, 2026, at Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 514, for the purpose mentioned above, and, on completion of the hearing and any adjournments, shall report to this Council its recommendations, including any changes which should be made to the estimated assessments.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to notify of said meeting, or cause to be notified, by certified mail, each person who has timely filed written objection to the estimated assessments. Such notice shall state the time, date and place of the hearing of the Assessment Equalization Board and shall be mailed at least five days before the date of such hearing.

Section 4. That this resolution 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 adoption 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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FOR: Director Mersmann

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