

Ordinance No. 1108-2025

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into an amendment to Lease Agreement No. LS 2018-24 with Cuyahoga County for the lease of certain space located on various floors of the Justice Center to extend the term for one additional year, beginning October 2, 2025, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 920-18, passed August 15, 2018, this Council authorized the Director of Public Safety to enter into Lease Agreement No. LS 2018-24 with Cuyahoga County for the use and occupancy of all or a portion of floors 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 located at the former Police Headquarters in the Justice Center which may be reduced during the term of the lease, and parking spaces located on Level P1 in the underground parking area for the purpose of conducting City business (“Original Lease”); and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 991-2019, passed September 16, 2019, Ordinance No. 758-2020, passed October 7, 2020, Ordinance No. 767-2021, passed October 18, 2021, Ordinance No. 1065-2022, passed December 5, 2022, and Ordinance No. 908-2023, passed October 2, 2023, this Council, among other things, extended and amended the Original Lease; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 1114-2024, passed November 4, 2024, this Council authorized another extension to the Original Lease and also authorized that the Original Lease be amended to include additional space to be occupied by the Cleveland Municipal Court on the 4th floor of the Justice Center for the purpose of conducting City business, which space may be reduced during the term of the Original Lease (“Original Lease, as amended”); 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 provision of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, to the contrary, the Director of Public Safety is authorized to enter into an amendment to the Original Lease, as amended, to extend the term for one additional year beginning on October 2, 2025, with one option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety (“Lease Amendment”).

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Section 2. That the cost of the Original Lease, as amended, and Lease Amendment shall be up to \$266,191.04 per month, which includes the use and occupancy by the Department of Public Safety of a portion of the Justice Center housing the Police Headquarters, the use and occupancy by the Cleveland Municipal Court of a portion of the fourth floor of the Justice Center, parking spaces, and proportional utility costs. Of this \$266,191.04 monthly cost, the Cleveland Municipal Court will reimburse the City of Cleveland the amount of \$6,659.63 monthly for their share of the leasehold. All other terms and conditions of the Original Lease, as amended, shall remain the same.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Safety, the Clerk of the Municipal Court, the Director of Law, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to execute any other documents and certificates, including an agreement between the City and the Cleveland Municipal Court concerning reimbursement of the rent and other related issues, and take any other actions which may be necessary or appropriate to effect the Original Lease, as amended, and Lease Amendment authorized by this ordinance.

Section 4. That the Lease Amendment shall be prepared by the Director of Law and shall contain any terms and conditions as are required to protect the interests of the City.

Section 5. That the cost of the Original Lease, as amended, and Lease Amendment shall be paid from Fund No. 01-001-9998. (RQS 6002, RLA 2025-96)

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.

RB:nl
9-15-2025
FOR: Director Drummond

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