

Resolution No. 748-2025

By Council Member Kazy

FOR ADOPTION
June 2, 2025

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Opposing the State of Ohio’s proposed \$600 million investment toward a new Cleveland Browns stadium in Brook Park and encouraging the State of Ohio to instead invest \$350 million toward renovating the current downtown Cleveland Browns stadium; urging the Cleveland Browns to remain at their current downtown stadium on the lakefront.

WHEREAS, at the Cleveland Browns’ urging, the State of Ohio House of Representatives included \$600 million investment in the state budget, now in the hands of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, as an alternative, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland asked the State of Ohio to instead invest \$350 million toward renovations of the current downtown stadium owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, renovating the current stadium is best for the City and the region; renovation fits Cleveland’s downtown lakefront plan that includes leveraging the stadium, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center to expand the lakefront development for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, building a new stadium in Brook Park would relocate economic activity away from downtown, undermine the lakefront development plan, compete for events at downtown arenas, and negatively impact downtown small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City’s study found that relocating the Cleveland Browns stadium to Brook Park could cost Cleveland \$30 million in annual business activity and \$11 million in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes the Cleveland Browns stadium should remain on the lakefront; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council opposes the State of Ohio’s proposed \$600 million in bond investment toward a new Cleveland Browns stadium in Brook Park and encourages the State of Ohio to instead invest \$350 million toward renovating the current Cleveland Browns stadium; and urges the Cleveland Browns to remain at their current stadium on the lakefront.

Section 2. That this Council directs the Clerk of Council to transmit copies of this Resolution to all members of the Ohio General Assembly whose districts include the City of Cleveland and Governor Mike DeWine.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby 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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	<u>READ THIRD TIME on JUNE 2, 2025</u>
	PRESIDENT
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	APPROVED
	MAYOR