

# Ordinance No. 131-2026

By Council Member Griffin  
(by departmental request)

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**  
AUTHORIZING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL  
INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY  
REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM NOTE AND BOND  
PROCEEDS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES  
MADE FOR PAYMENTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE,  
AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, United States Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) prescribe conditions under which proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations (“Bonds”) used to reimburse advances made for capital and certain other expenditures (“Original Expenditures”) paid before the issuance of such Bonds will be deemed to be expended (or properly allocated to expenditures) for purposes of Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), upon such reimbursement so that the proceeds so used will no longer be subject to requirements or restrictions under those sections of the Code; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Reimbursement Regulations require that there be a Declaration of Official Intent not later than 60 days following payment of the Original Expenditures expected to be reimbursed from proceeds of Bonds, and that the reimbursement occur within certain prescribed time periods after an Original Expenditure is paid or after the property resulting from that Original Expenditure is placed in service; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to take steps to comply with the Reimbursement Regulations; 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 (the “City”):

Section 1. Definitions. The following definitions apply to the terms used herein:

“Authorized Officer” means the Director of Finance of the City or any person designated for the purpose by the Director of Finance.

“Declaration of Official Intent” means a declaration of intent, in the form, manner and time contemplated in the Reimbursement Regulations, that the advances for expenditures referred to therein are reasonably expected to be reimbursed from the proceeds of Bonds to be issued after those expenditures are paid. A copy of a Declaration of Official Intent and Instructions have been placed in File No. **131-2026-A.**

“Reimbursement” or “reimburse” means the restoration to the City of money temporarily advanced from its own funds and spent for Original Expenditures before the issuance of the Bonds, evidenced in writing by an allocation on the books and records of the City that shows the use of the proceeds of the Bonds to restore the money advanced for the Original Expenditures. “Reimbursement” or “reimburse” generally does not include the refunding or retiring of Bonds previously issued and sold to, or borrowings from, unrelated entities.

Section 2. Authorization and Requirement of Declarations of Official Intent. Each Authorized Officer is authorized to prepare and sign Declarations of Official Intent in

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substantially the form attached with respect to Original Expenditures to which the Reimbursement Regulations apply, to be made from money temporarily advanced and that is reasonably expected to be reimbursed (in accordance with applicable authorizations, policies and practices) from the proceeds of Bonds, to make appropriate reimbursement and timely allocations from the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse such Original Expenditures, and to take any other actions as may be appropriate, all at the times and in the manner required under the Reimbursement Regulations in order for the reimbursement to be treated as an expenditure of such proceeds for purposes of Sections 103 and 141 to 150 of the Code. No advance from any fund or account or order for payment may be made for Original Expenditures (other than expenditures excepted from such requirement under the Reimbursement Regulations) that are to be reimbursed subsequently from proceeds of Bonds unless a Declaration of Official Intent with respect thereto is made within the time required by the Reimbursement Regulations.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance shall provide a copy of each Declaration of Official Intent, prepared to the Clerk of Council and the chairs of the Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Municipal Services and Properties committees.”.

~~Section 3.~~ 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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FOR: Director Barrett

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**REPORT  
after second Reading**

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**READ FIRST TIME on FEBRUARY 2, 2026  
and referred to DIRECTORS of Finance, Law;  
COMMITTEE on Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

**REPORTS**

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**MAYOR**

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