



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

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**TO:** Blaine A. Griffin, Chief  
Safety Committee

**FROM:** Karrie D. Howard, Director  
Department of Public Safety

**SUBJECT:** Ord. No. 781-221 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission to investigate human trafficking criminal activity and authorize participation in eligible forfeiture sharing, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a term of one year and automatically renewed from year to year unless terminated by either party

**DATE:** October 13, 2021

Ordinance No. 781-2021, if passed by Council, would authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission to assist with investigating human trafficking criminal activity in Cleveland.

This task force was established to investigate organized criminal activity. Human trafficking has been and continues to be a grave problem on a worldwide scale as well as locally throughout Ohio and in Cleveland. Victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers use violence, manipulation, or false promises to lure victims into trafficking situations. This legislation would enable the Division of Police to participate in this Task Force to investigate human trafficking criminal activity in Cleveland.