

Ordinance No. 995-2025

By Council Members Hairston and Griffin
(by departmental request)

FOR PASSAGE
August 13, 2025

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Directors of Building and Housing and/or Innovation and Technology and/or other directors, as appropriate, to implement a one-year pilot program to assess the feasibility of using automated technology to create a current property survey; to apply for and accept a grant from the Rocket Community Fund; and to enter into one or more contracts with City Detect Inc. for the purchase of Software as a Service, hardware, installation, set-up, training, implementation, technical support, and maintenance, including a monthly service fee, needed to implement the pilot program.

WHEREAS, the Directors of Building and Housing and Innovation and Technology desire to implement, through available grant funding, a one-year pilot program to assess the feasibility of using automated technology to create a current property survey for the City of Cleveland (the “Pilot Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Pilot Program will, among other things, allow the City to enter properties into a property survey, monitor them, proactively identify certain areas that need special attention, assist staff and inspectors with conditions of properties on an on-going and frequent basis, and will give the City the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of automated technology for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the automated technology utilized in the Pilot Program shall not be used for the purpose of citing residents for property violations; and

WHEREAS, said automated technology to monitor and update the property survey will assist City staff and eliminate costly, time-consuming and out-of-date property information; and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 the Director of Building and Housing and/or Innovation and Technology and/or other directors, as appropriate, are authorized to apply for and accept a grant in the approximate amount of \$85,000 and any other funds that may become available during the grant term from the Rocket Community Fund to implement the Pilot Program; that the appropriate director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds

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are appropriated for the purposes described in the summary for the grant contained in the file described below.

Section 2. That the summary for the grant, **File No. 995-2025-A**, made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, is approved in all respects and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority.

Section 3. That the Director of Building and Housing and/or Innovation and Technology and/or other directors, as appropriate, are authorized to extend the term of the grant during the grant term.

Section 4. That the Directors of Building and Housing and/or Innovation and Technology and/or other directors, as appropriate, are authorized to enter into one or more contracts with City Detect Inc. for the purchase of Software as a Service, hardware, installation, set-up, training, implementation, technical support, maintenance, and/or other professional services related to the Pilot Program on the basis of its proposal dated June 2, 2025, for a period of one year. The contract(s) shall also include the City’s obligation to pay monthly service fees for the term of the contract.

Section 5. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Directors of Building and Housing and/or Innovation and Technology, and/or other directors as appropriate, may sign all documents that are necessary to obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors or consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 6. That the costs of the contract or contracts and payments authorized by this ordinance shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited the grant proceeds accepted under this ordinance. (RQS 8501, RLA 2025-77).

Section 7. 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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8-13-2025
FOR: Director Martin O’Toole and Director Wernet

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and referred to

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

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READ THIRD TIME on AUGUST 13, 2025

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR