

Ordinance No. 934 2024 AS AMENDED

By Council Members Polensek and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with the United States Navy, or its designee, to display two bells and any other memorabilia of the United States naval warship, the USS Cleveland (CL-55 and C-19), for a period or periods not to exceed a total of five years, with ~~one or more options to renew not to exceed a total of ten years, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety~~ one or more options to renew with each renewal period not to exceed five years, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, the USS Cleveland (CL-55) warship, was decommissioned on or about ~~September 30, 2011; and February 7, 1947; and~~

WHEREAS, part of the ship's inventory were the bronze bells which once may have been onboard an earlier USS Cleveland warship, the USS Cleveland (CL-55, 1942 to 1960), and quite possibly the first USS Cleveland (Cruiser 19, later PG-33 and CL-21, 1903 to 1930); and

~~WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland was designated to receive and display the bells from the United States Navy, or its designee, and the City desires to continue to display the bells which are currently displayed in the Cleveland City Hall Rotunda; and~~

WHEREAS, the USS Cleveland (C-19) warship, was decommissioned on or about November 1, 1929; and

WHEREAS, part of the USS Cleveland's (CL-55) inventory was a bronze bell inscribed "U.S.S. Cleveland 1942; and

WHEREAS, part of the USS Cleveland's (C-19) inventory was a bronze bell that depicts on one side Commodore Perry transferring his flag from the USS Lawrence to the USS Niagara with raised lettering reading "WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE OURS" and depicts on another side Lieutenant O'Keefe, the British Commandant of Marines, tendering Commodore Barclay's sword to Commodore Perry with raised lettering reading "IF VICTORY IS TO BE ATTAINED. I WILL ATTAIN IT" along with raised lettering on the lower rim of the bell reading "TO THE CRUISER CLEVELAND BY THE CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND"; and".

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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 Public Safety is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the United States Navy, or its designee, to display two bells and any other memorabilia of the United States naval ~~warship, the USS Cleveland warships,~~ the USS Cleveland (CL-55) and the USS Cleveland (C-19), (LPD-7), for a period or periods not to exceed a total of five years, with one or more options to renew ~~not to exceed a total of ten years~~ with each renewal period not to exceed five years, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

Section 2. 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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9-9-2024
FOR: Director Drummond

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