

Ordinance No. 945-2026

By Council Members Santana and Griffin
(by departmental request)

FOR PASSAGE
August 19, 2026

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Approving the report of the Assessment Equalization Board on objections concerning estimated assessments with respect to the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement District; determining to proceed with the plan to provide public services within the District; adopting the assessments; levying the assessments; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement Corporation; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 708-2026, adopted July 15, 2026, this Council appointed the Assessment Equalization Board (the “Board”) to hear and determine all objections concerning the estimated assessments under Resolution No. 480-2026, adopted May 11, 2026 (“Resolution of Necessity”), to provide for public services benefitting the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has filed its report with this Council as to its determination of the objections; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems the report proper in all respects; 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 report of Board is approved and placed in File No. **945-2026-A**.

Section 2. That it is hereby determined to proceed to provide for the plan for public services benefitting the District (collectively, “District Services”) as established in the Resolution of Necessity.

Section 3. That the District Services shall be performed under the provisions of the Resolution of Necessity consistent with the plans, specifications, profiles, and assessments approved and filed in the office of the Clerk of Council.

Section 4. That judicial inquiry into all claims for damages resulting from the District Services filed under law shall occur after completion of the District Services.

Section 5. That the cost of the District Services to be assessed against benefited-property shall be assessed in the amount, manner and number of installments as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity.

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Section 6. That the final assessments for the cost of the District Services in the aggregate amount of \$1,741,839.67, are adopted and confirmed as final assessment and are placed in the above-mentioned file.

Section 7. That the final assessments shall be assessed and levied on the lots and lands benefited and to be charged therewith in the District in proportion to the benefits as described in the Resolution of Necessity.

Section 8. That it is determined that the assessments do not exceed the special benefits resulting from the District Services, and do not exceed any statutory limitation.

Section 9. That the final assessments which have been filed with the Clerk of Council shall remain open to public inspection.

Section 10. That the annual installments against each lot and parcel of land shall be certified by the Clerk of Council and submitted to the County Fiscal Officer on or before the certification deadline in each of years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031 and 2032, to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected in the same manner as other taxes in each of the immediately following years, as provided by law. As requested by the District, the collections in 2027 will include both 2026 and 2027 assessments.

Section 11. That the Clerk of Council is directed to cause a certified copy of this ordinance to be filed with the County Fiscal Officer within fifteen (15) days after the passage of this ordinance, or as otherwise required by Section 319.61 of the Revised Code.

Section 12. That the Clerk of Council is directed to cause notice of the levy of the assessments to be filed with the County Fiscal Officer within twenty (20) days following the passage of this ordinance, or as otherwise required by Section 319.61 of the Revised Code.

Section 13. That the Clerk of Council is directed to cause a notice of the passage of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this City.

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Section 14. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 15. That the Directors of City Planning and Finance, or either one of them, are authorized to enter into a contract with the Cleveland Superior Arts Improvement Corporations setting forth the terms under which the City will levy an assessment for the District and the use of the proceeds of the assessments levied herein.

Section 16. 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.

MC:uo
8-19-2026

FOR: Director Mersmann

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REPORT after second Reading

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READ THIRD TIME on AUGUST 19, 2026

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

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