

# Ordinance No. 623-2026

By Council Members Kazy and Griffin  
(by departmental request)

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Innovation and Technology to cause payment to DigitalC for 2025 new household internet subscriptions and new digital adoption services.

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WHEREAS, under the authority of Ordinance No. 585-2023, passed September 25, 2023, the Directors of Finance and Economic Development entered into Contract No. ST 2024-0009 with DigitalC for the City-Wide Broadband Network Project to ensure that every household in the City has access to a low-cost, high-quality internet service plan (“the Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, under the authority of Ordinance No. 126-2025, passed February 3, 2025, the Agreement was amended to, among other items, conditioned all further payments to DigitalC upon receiving prior legislative approval; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 1081-2024, passed November 25, 2024, the Department of Innovation and Technology is authorized to perform any acts under an ordinance passed by this council that gives such authority to the Director of Finance; 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 this Council authorizes the Director of Innovation and Technology to cause payment to DigitalC in the amounts of \$2,350,000 for 2025 new household internet subscriptions and \$2,000,000 for 2025 new digital adoption services under Contract No. ST 2024-0009, as amended, from the funds approved by the Director of Finance. This ordinance constitutes the additional legislative authority required under Ordinance No. 126-2025 to make such payment.

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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5-11-26

FOR: Director Crowe

