

Resolution No. 998-2025

By Council Member Conwell

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Establishing a working committee of Council and the Administration to study best practices for preventive maintenance of city infrastructure, equipment, and facilities and existing departmental practices, and consider implementing improvements across various departments.

WHEREAS, preventive maintenance is the routine inspection and servicing of assets to avoid potential failures and extend their operational lifespan, including inspections, equipment maintenance, planning, scheduling, and record keeping; and

WHEREAS, local government public works departments, water systems, and parks and recreation departments use preventative maintenance to ensure the longevity and reliability of their infrastructure and equipment, according to Open Gov; and

WHEREAS, by regularly inspecting and maintaining infrastructure, equipment, and facilities, local governments can prevent costly breakdowns, extend asset lifespans, and ensure continuous service to the community; and

WHEREAS, preventive maintenance is very cost-effective when compared to reactive maintenance, because when cities catch an issue early before it gets worse, the fix can be simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, rather than having a single dedicated department, the City of Cleveland addresses preventive maintenance through various department programs focused on their specific areas of responsibility; for example, the Department of Public Works proactively maintains and repairs city streets and sidewalks, public grounds and parks, and equipment through its specific divisions; and

WHEREAS, Ohio cities of Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Toledo also address preventive maintenance through various departments and divisions rather than a single dedicated department, while the city of Palm Springs, California has a maintenance and facilities division that maintains all city-owned buildings, all city-owned parks, street maintenance, and fleet operations; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Dallas, Oregon and Naperville, Illinois use a computerized maintenance management system (CMMS) to implement a clear maintenance strategy in order to eliminate deferred maintenance and streamline maintenance for public assets; and

WHEREAS, this Council will establish a working committee with the Administration, including the Department of Public Works, Division of Property Maintenance, Division of Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Division of Parks and Maintenance, Office of Capital Projects, Public Utilities, including Cleveland Water and Water Pollution Control, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and any other necessary departments or divisions, to consider implementing preventive maintenance improvements; and

WHEREAS, the committee will study local government best practices, current City practices and economic impact; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council establishes a working committee of Council and the Administration to study best practices for preventive maintenance of city infrastructure, equipment, and facilities and existing departmental practices, and consider implementing improvements across various departments.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Mayor Justin Bibb.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby 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 adoption 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: Council Member Conwell

Res. No. 998-2025

By Council Member Cowell

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and referred to DIRECTORS of Finance, law;
COMMITTEES on Municipal Services and Properties,
Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion

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PRESIDENT

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MAYOR

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