

Department of Port Control Request for Legislation

Ordinance No.: 864-2022

Ground Transportation

Executive Summary

The Department of Port Control is requesting authority to supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting a new Section relating to operation of certain commercial ground transportation vehicles at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Background/Purpose:

The Department of Port Control is requesting authority to assess a \$50 per-trip fee to all commercial motor/tour buses that drop off and pick-up passengers at the Airport. Prior to the Pandemic, CLE was charging an annual permit fee of \$550 per vehicle, due to the lack of travel and the financial hardships during the Pandemic, these annual fees were waived. Moving forward, it is in the Airports best interest to switch to a per-trip fee as opposed to an annual permit fee, this will keep us uniform to how the other commercial ground transportation vehicles fees are assessed. The assessment of these fees will help fund future infrastructure investment, surface area access projects, and annual operating and maintenance expenses.

Justification:

The Airport desires to treat the transportation providers equally and fairly in the fees that are assessed. The request to implement a \$50 per-trip user fee for motor buses at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is a common practice in the aviation industry, this fee is comparable to what other Airports are charging.

The Airport recommends that new Section be in a similar format to Section 571.91:

- (a) No person or entity shall provide any motor/tour bus services, unless it has been approved by the Airport Management and subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed under the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director.
- (b) The Director is authorized to charge and collect a per trip fee for motor/tour bus services to, from, or on the property of the airport. The fee shall be in an amount set by the Board of Control.
- (c) The Director is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations applicable to commercial ground transportation services. Such rules and regulations shall become effective ten (10) days after their publication in the City Record.