

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NO.:_____**

Project: Integrated Development Cluster Reorganization

Entity: N/A

Project Location/Wards: N/A

Forgivable loan Amount: N/A

Purpose of Legislation:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the creation of a consolidated Department of Development and the establishment of the Office of Land Strategy and Asset Redevelopment (LSAR). The Department of Development will serve as the City's single front door for development, bringing together commercial and residential development, incentives, land management, business retention and attraction, small business support, and neighborhood corridor revitalization efforts under one coordinated structure. This reorganization is designed to make it easier to do business in Cleveland while fostering catalytic growth across the city.

Background:

Currently, the City's real estate and development functions are fragmented across multiple departments, creating inefficiencies, backlogs, and confusion for residents, businesses, and developers. This disjointed approach slows projects, deters investment, and prevents the City from fully leveraging its assets to drive growth and community revitalization.

Impact:

The new Department of Development will provide a centralized hub to coordinate all core development functions, improving efficiency, accelerating transactions, and creating a more responsive and business-friendly environment. By strategically managing land through LSAR and aligning resources such as tax incentives, grants, and small business programs, the City will be able to deliver high-impact projects, stabilize key neighborhood corridors, and attract new investment. This structure positions Cleveland to generate jobs, strengthen neighborhoods, and unlock catalytic development that advances the City's economic growth and equity goals.