



CITY OF CLEVELAND

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**Resolution of Necessity and Establishment of a
Special Improvement District for Downtown Cleveland**

City Planning Commission

Ord. No. 737-2025

Request for Legislation

This resolution approves the creation of the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District as a Special Improvement District in the City; accepts petitions from owners of property in the District; approves the amended Articles of Incorporation of the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation; approves a new plan for public services; declares it necessary to provide maintenance, security, marketing, and other services for the District; provides for the assessment of the cost of such work upon benefited properties in the District; declares an emergency; and authorizes the Director of City Planning to enter into a contract with Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation.

Importantly, this resolution authorizes the City to undertake the next administrative steps required to meet the deadline to formalize the new Special Improvement District before the current District's expiration at the end of 2025.





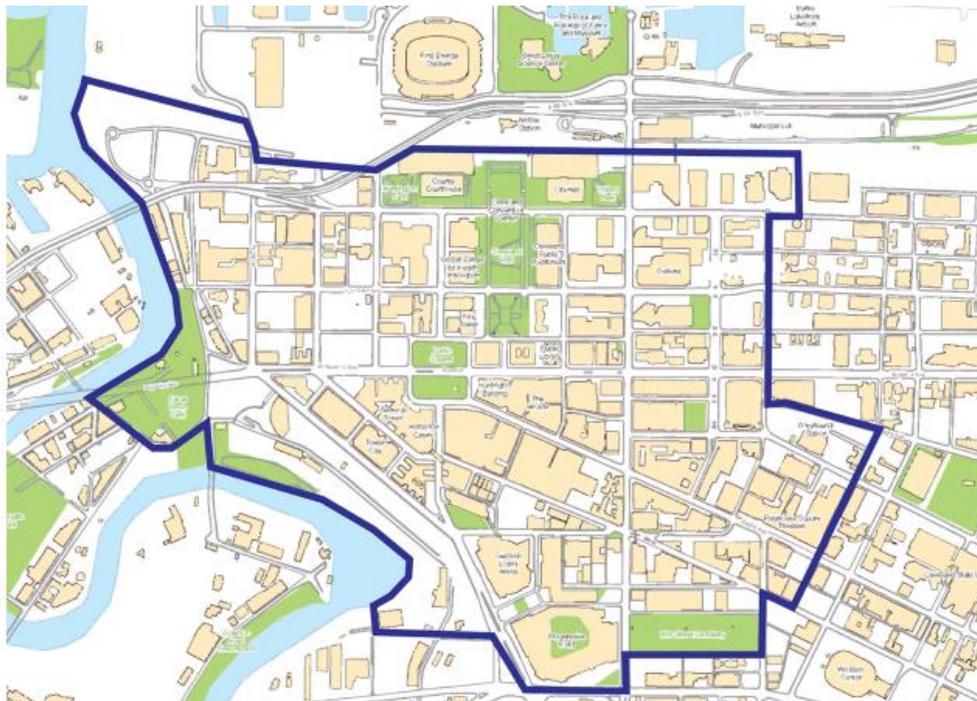
Executive Summary

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Background/Purpose

The Downtown Cleveland Improvement District (DCID) was formed in 2005 to provide clean and safe services. It has been renewed every 5 years since then. This is the fourth renewal and encompasses 134,072 feet of property frontage and 1,338 parcels.

Improvement districts are created when 60% or more of property owners in a designated district elect to assess fees on themselves for services by signing petitions. These fees are incorporated as part of the Cuyahoga County property tax bill. The Downtown Cleveland Improvement District covers this service area:



District Service Plan

The Downtown Cleveland Improvement District will provide the following services, continuing their work over the past two decades to maintain Downtown as a safe, clean, and pleasant place to be.

- Clean and Safe: litter disposal, graffiti removal, safety escorts, motor vehicle assistance, biohazard removal, unsheltered outreach
- Public space maintenance and operations
- Economic development and marketing





In 2024, the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District collected 741,882 pounds of trash; removed 2,243 graffiti tags; assisted with 27,044 hospitality requests; and hosted 152 food truck and live music events.

As a result, Downtown Cleveland has \$1.6B of investment completed or underway; averages 4,500,000 monthly visitors; is home to 21,000 residents; and has a 61.5% average Return-to-Office Rate.

Anticipated Revenue and Funding Plan

The projected assessment revenue in the first year (2026) is \$5,800,000. A 2.35% annual increase is projected for the remaining years of the term, for a total assessment revenue of \$43,500,000 over the course of seven years. Assessments are calculated using a combination of linear front footage serviced and total certified value.

Special Improvement District Term

7 years (2026-2032)

Ward: 3

