

Resolution No. 855-2025

By Council Members McCormack,
Hairston and Griffin (by departmental
request)

FOR ADOPTION
July 9, 2025

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Appointing an Assessment Equalization Board to
hear objections to estimated assessments with
respect to the creation of the Downtown
Cleveland Improvement District in the City and
the initial plan for public services for the District;
and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 737-2025, adopted June 2, 2025, this Council
approved the creation of The Downtown Cleveland Improvement District in the City
(the “District”); accepted petitions from owners of property in the proposed District;
approved the initial plan for public services; declared it necessary to provide
maintenance, security, marketing, and other services for the District; and provided for
the assessment of the cost of such services upon benefited property in the District; and

WHEREAS, under the above resolution the estimated assessments for the
services have been prepared and placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, notice of the adoption of the resolution and of the filing of the
estimated assessments was duly served on all property owners to be assessed in the
manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, written objections to the estimated assessments may be filed by
affected property owners; and

WHEREAS, under Section 727.16 of the Revised Code, this Council shall appoint
an Assessment Equalization Board to hear objections to the proposed assessments by
affected landowners, and shall fix the time and place for the hearing by such board of
such objections, and the Clerk of Council shall notify, by certified mail, any persons so
objecting of the time and place of such hearing; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the
usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Robert Cahill, Michelle Felder, and David Sharkey, three
disinterested freeholders of the City, and Joel Wimbiscus and Kimberly Jauch, two
alternate disinterested freeholders of the City, are appointed as an Assessment
Equalization Board to hear and determine all written objections filed under the law to

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the estimated assessments heretofore filed with the Clerk of Council under Resolution No. 737-2025, adopted June 2, 2025 by this Council.

Section 2. That the Assessment Equalization Board shall meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2025, at Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 514, for the purpose mentioned above, and on completion of the hearing and any adjournments shall report to this Council its recommendations, including any changes which should be made to the estimated assessments.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to notify, or cause to be notified, by certified mail, each person who has timely filed written objection to the estimated assessments. Such notice shall state the time, date and place of the hearing of the Assessment Equalization Board and shall be mailed at least five days before the date of such hearing.

Section 4. That this resolution 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 adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MC:nl
7-9-2025
FOR: Director Mersmann

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REPORT
after second Reading

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PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR