

Ordinance No. 250-2025

By Council Member Griffin

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To exempt certain property parcels from tax abatement policies under Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, relating to Community Reinvestment Areas.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, established three areas encompassing the entire City of Cleveland as Community Reinvestment Areas (“CRAs”), including Community Reinvestment Area #1, the Strong Market Area (“CRA #1”), Community Reinvestment Area #2, the Middle Market Area (“CRA #2”), and Community Reinvestment Area #3, the Opportunity Area (“CRA #3”);

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 482-2022, File No. 482-2022-B designates Block Group 390351188001 (“Block Group”) as CRA #1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland acknowledges that this Block Group bridges two district neighborhoods at the natural division of Lake View Cemetery; these two portions of this Block Group are influenced heavily by the economic conditions of Little Italy and East Cleveland that surround them; and

WHEREAS, according to the Citywide Property Survey of 2022, the area of this Block Group south of Lakeview Cemetery is most heavily influenced by the Little Italy Neighborhood, having an average property rating of “B” and a vacancy rate of 13%, while the area north of Lakeview Cemetery is most heavily influenced by East Cleveland, having an average property rating of “C” and a vacancy rate of 63%; and

WHEREAS, properties and projects located within CRA#1 are eligible for the least generous tax abatements of the three established CRAs; this is appropriate for the southern portion of this Block Group that is part of Little Italy, but the northern portion of this Block Group requires a more generous tax abatement due to its poor economic conditions, poor housing quality, and high vacancy rate; and

WHEREAS, the seventy-four property parcels located in the northern section of this Block Group require eligibility for the most generous tax abatement benefits afforded to properties located within CRA #3 in order to remove barriers for this economically struggling area of the City and support development; and

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

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

Section 1. That notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, the following seventy-four permanent parcel numbers in Block Group 390351188001 shall be eligible for tax abatement policies available to properties located within CRA #3: 120-33-015, 120-33-016, 120-33-017, 120-33-018, 120-33-019, 120-33-020, 120-33-021, 120-33-022, 120-33-023, 120-33-024, 120-33-025, 120-33-026, 120-33-027, 120-33-028, 120-33-029, 120-33-075, 120-33-042, 120-33-041, 120-33-040, 120-33-039, 120-33-038, 120-33-037, 120-33-036, 120-33-035, 120-33-034, 120-33-033, 120-33-032, 120-33-031, 120-33-030, 120-33-050, 120-33-049, 120-33-048, 120-33-047, 120-33-046, 120-33-045, 120-33-044, 120-33-043, 120-33-053, 120-33-052, 120-33-051, 120-33-054, 120-33-073, 120-33-072, 120-33-071, 120-33-070, 120-33-069, 120-33-068, 120-33-067, 120-33-066, 120-33-065, 120-33-064, 120-33-063, 120-33-062, 120-33-061, 120-33-060, 120-33-059, 120-33-058, 120-33-057, 120-33-056, 120-33-055, 120-33-002, 120-33-003, 120-33-004, 120-33-005, 120-33-006, 120-33-007, 120-33-008, 120-33-074, 120-33-009, 120-33-010, 120-33-011, 120-33-012, 120-33-013, 120-33-014.

Section 2. That this ordinance 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 passage 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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FOR: Councilmember Griffin

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To exempt certain property parcels from Strong Market Area tax abatement policies under Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, relating to establishing the entire City of Cleveland as a Community Reinvestment Area.

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