

Ordinance No. 803-2025

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Directors of Parks and Recreation and Port Control to enter into an amendment to the existing Lease Agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners for the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for Rivergate Park to add additional City-owned property to the leased premises.

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

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

Section 1. That the Directors of Parks and Recreation and Port Control are authorized to enter into an amendment to the existing ninety-nine-year Lease Agreement for City-owned property on the Cuyahoga River comprising a portion of Rivergate Park, authorized by Ordinance No. 1233-13, passed September 30, 2013, as amended by Ordinance 609-15, passed May 20, 2015, (collectively, “Original Lease as Amended”) with the Board of Park Commissioners for the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (“Metroparks”), to change the areas comprising the leased premises by adding City-owned property on Merwin Road at the westerly edge of Columbus Road Peninsula (portions of PPNs 101-16-007, 101-16-006, and 101-16-005), as more fully described as follows:

Trail Area
0.1822 Acres

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, Township 7 North, Range 12 West, of the Connecticut Western Reserve and being part of a parcel conveyed to City of Cleveland, Ohio, as recorded in Volume 6698, Page 424, parts of parcels conveyed to City of Cleveland as recorded in Volume 7890, Page 272 and Volume 9063, Page 606, part of French Street vacated by ordinance number 82720 on May 7, 1928, and parts of lots 23-40 of the Survey Map of Cleveland Centre as recorded in Plat Volume 2, Page 21 of said county records and being bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING at a stone with a drillhole found in a monument box at the intersection of the centerlines of Center Street and Merwin Avenue (60 feet wide), thence on the centerline of said Merwin Avenue South 22 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds West, a distance of 702.03 feet, thence North 67 degrees 26 minutes 05 seconds West, passing over a drillhole in the sandstone curb at 21.27 feet, joining the southwest line of a parcel conveyed to Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District as recorded in Document 202312270338 a total distance of 136.05 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described;

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1. Thence South 13 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West, a distance of 13.66 feet;
 2. Thence South 19 degrees 49 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 29.99 feet;
 3. Thence South 76 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds East, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 4. Thence South 13 degrees 03 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 34.06 feet;
 5. Thence North 76 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 6. Thence South 13 degrees 03 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 54.99 feet;
 7. Thence South 7 degrees 49 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 22.04 feet;
 8. Thence South 82 degrees 10 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 9. Thence South 7 degrees 49 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 30.00 feet;
 10. Thence North 82 degrees 10 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 11. Thence South 7 degrees 49 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 47.69 feet;
 12. Thence South 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 26.89 feet;
 13. Thence South 78 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 14. Thence South 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 30.00 feet;
 15. Thence South 78 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 16. Thence South 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 75.20 feet;
 17. Thence South 78 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 18. Thence South 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 30.00 feet;
 19. Thence North 78 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 5.00 feet;
 20. Thence South 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 16.22 feet;
 21. Thence South 4 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds East, a distance of 46.66 feet;
 22. Thence South 67 degrees 25 minutes 59 seconds East, a distance of 5.00 feet to
the northwest right of way line of said Merwin A venue;
 23. Thence on the said northwest right of way line, South 22 degrees 34 minutes 01
seconds West, a distance of 42.06 feet to east edge of the existing steel bulkhead;

Thence along said east edge of the existing steel bulkhead for the following 6 (six)
courses:
 24. North 4 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds West, a distance of 88.37 feet;
 25. North 11 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East, a distance of 180.00 feet;
 26. North 7 degrees 49 minutes 05 seconds East, a distance of 100.00 feet;

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- 27. North 13 degrees 03 minutes 09 seconds East, a distance of 90.63 feet;
 - 28. North 19 degrees 49 minutes 32 seconds East, a distance of 30.00 feet;
 - 29. North 13 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds East, a distance of 15.28 feet to the said southwest line of Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, witnessed by an illegible capped 5/8 inch rebar found bearing North 67 degrees 26 minutes 05 seconds West a distance of 15.83 feet.

Section 2. That the amendment will allow Metroparks to construct, operate and maintain park improvements including but not limited to a multi-purpose path that will connect Rivergate Park to Heritage Park and Settlers Landing, signage and landscaping. All other terms of the Original Lease as Amended shall remain the same.

Section 3. That the amendment shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 4. 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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7-9-2025
FOR: Directors Nichols and Francis

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READ FIRST TIME on JULY 9, 2025
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