



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Date: March 5, 2024

To: Mark D. Griffin, Director  
Department of Law

From: Frank Williams, Director  
Department of Public Works

Bryant Francis, Director  
Department of Port Control

Subject: License Agreement to install and maintain the Lone Sailor monument

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Directors of Public Works and Port Control to issue a non-exclusive license agreement, renewable from year to year up to a maximum of 25 years, to USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation to install and maintain the Lone Sailor monument located at the Northwest Corner of Voinovich Park.

Thank you.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects  
Division of Real Estate

**License Agreement to install and maintain the Lone Sailor monument**

**Ordinance No:** 311-2024

**Legislative Purpose:** Authorizing the Directors of Public Works and Port Control to issue a non-exclusive license agreement, renewable from year to year up to a maximum of 25 years, to USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation to install and maintain the Lone Sailor monument located at the Northwest Corner of Voinovich Park.

**Project Summary:** In September 2021, a group of community members, veterans, members of the Armed Forces and corporate leaders unveiled the Lone Sailor monument at its temporary home in Great Lakes Science Center. The monument pays tribute to the men and women who have served, are currently serving or will serve in the U.S. Navy and raises awareness of the future Navy ship, USS Cleveland, currently under construction in Wisconsin and scheduled to be commissioned in Cleveland in 2025.

The Lone Sailor monument was designed by sculptor Stanley Bleifeld, who enlisted in the Navy during World War II. The original statue arrived on station at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. more than 30 years ago. Today, there are 17 replicas around the world, with Cleveland being the location of the 18<sup>th</sup> Lone Sailor now awaiting its permanent location to welcome the future USS Cleveland to the shores of Lake Erie.

The USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation plans to install and maintain the Lone Sailor monument on the northwest corner of Voinovich Park. The Foundation is also proposing improvements to the area surrounding the statue which include installing new pavers, four benches and two donor walls. All improvements shall conform to the design, scale, materials, and location approved by the City Planning Commission.

The Foundation will be responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the monument and will contribute 5% to the annual Common Area Maintenance Budget for Voinovich Park.

**Price:** No Cost

**Permanent Parcel No:** A portion of PPN 101-03-033

**Ward:** 3, Councilman McCormack

**Attachments:** Location Map and Site Plan