

Ordinance No. 661-2026

By Council Members Howse-Jones,
Santana and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To amend the title, the second and third whereas clauses, and Sections 2 and 7 of Ordinance No. 1116-2021, passed February 10, 2025, relating to the acquisition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and property located at 1651 East 71st Street and the conveyance of the property to Structures Unlimited, LLC, for future redevelopment.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 1226-2025, passed December 1, 2025, and effective January 1, 2026, the Department of Economic Development was renamed to the Department of Development and the land bank reutilization programs, which were then under the Department of Community Development as described in Section 183.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, were transferred to the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1116-2021, passed February 10, 2025, requires amendments to reflect the departmental changes when the Department of Development was renamed; and

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 title, the second and third whereas clauses, and Sections 2 and 7 of Ordinance No. 1116-2021, passed February 10, 2025, are amended to read as follows:

An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and property located at 1651 East 71st Street for future redevelopment for the Department of ~~Community~~ Development; to convey the property to Structures Unlimited, LLC, or their designee; and to enter into an agreement between the City and the Redeveloper.

WHEREAS, the Director of ~~Community~~ Development has requested the acquisition of Martin Luther King, Jr. High School from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (“CMSD”) located at 1651 East 71st Street (“Property”) for purposes of future redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, under this ordinance, the Director of ~~Community~~ Development will acquire the Property from CMSD, enter into a development agreement with Structures Unlimited, LLC, or their designee (“Redeveloper”), and convey the Property to the Redeveloper; and

Section 2. That the Director of ~~Community~~ Development is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Cleveland all necessary documents to acquire, accept, record, and convey the Property.

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Section 7. That the Director of ~~Community~~ Development is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Redeveloper that shall include the terms and considerations of the transaction authorized by this ordinance.

Section 2. That the existing title, the second and third whereas clauses, and Sections 2 and 7 of Ordinance No. 1116-2021, passed February 10, 2025, are repealed.

Section 3. 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: Directors Miller-Tait and Bourdeau Small

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and referred to DIRECTORS of Community Development, Development, Finance, Law; COMMITTEES on Development Planning and Sustainability, Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion

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