

Ordinance No. 97-2026

By Council Members: Santana and Griffin (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Building and Housing to enter into one or more agreements with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to allow the City to accept one or more payments as reimbursement to the City for conducting environmental surveys, conducting asbestos abatement, demolition of eligible structures and final site grading under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development offered grants under the “Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program” established in Amended Substitute House Bill 33 for the demolition of commercial and residential buildings and the revitalization of surrounding properties throughout the State of Ohio on sites that are not brownfields (the “Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program provided that grants would be awarded to one lead entity per County and that the lead entity would enter into subrecipient agreements with end users that would be receiving any grant funds through a lead entity; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (“CCLRC”) is the lead entity for Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, the City of Cleveland and CCLRC entered into a Subrecipient Agreement regarding the terms and conditions upon which the City would receive reimbursement funds for costs of conducting environmental surveys, conducting asbestos abatement, demolition of eligible structures and final site grading under the Building Demolition and Site Renovation Program; 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 Director of Building and Housing is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the CCLRC to allow the City to accept one or more payments from CCLRC in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.00 as reimbursement to the City for conducting environmental surveys, conducting asbestos abatement, demolition of eligible structures and final site grading under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program, and that the funds are appropriated for this purpose. The Director of Building and Housing is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the reimbursement funds under this ordinance.

Section 2. That funds received under this ordinance shall be deposited into a fund approved by the Director of Finance. (RQS 8501, RLA 2026-004)

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.

Passed March 2, 2026.

Effective March 4, 2026.