

Ordinance No. 725-2025

By Council Members Bishop and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Browns Stadium Company LLC to reimburse the Cleveland Browns for the emergency repairs made to Huntington Bank Field performed by the Cleveland Browns Stadium Company LLC.

WHEREAS, the Huntington Bank Field (“Stadium”) is owned by the City of Cleveland and is operated by the Cleveland Browns Stadium Company LLC (“Cleveland Browns”);

WHEREAS, on October 23, 1998 the Cleveland Browns entered into assignment and assumption of a lease agreement with the National Football League, and pursuant to the requirements of the lease of the Stadium in order to maintain the structure and to preserve its usefulness as a sports facility, the City of Cleveland is to reimburse the Cleveland Browns for the necessary emergency repairs performed or cause to be performed by the Cleveland Browns at the Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the improvements have been reviewed and physical conditions inspected by the Mayor’s Office of Capital Projects and have been deemed necessary; 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 Public Works is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Browns to reimburse the Cleveland Browns for the repairs and improvements made to or caused to be made at the Stadium that have been deemed to be necessary emergency repairs as defined in **File 725-2025-A**.

Section 2. That the agreement shall be prepared by the Director of Law and shall contain any terms and conditions that he deems necessary to protect and benefit the public interest.

Section 3. That, upon execution of the agreement authorized above, the Director of Public Works is authorized to reimburse the Cleveland Browns for the repairs and improvements made to the Stadium, in an amount not to exceed \$2,654,953.00, payable from Fund No. 20 SF 111. (RQS 0103, RL 2025-62)

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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6-2-2025
FOR: Director Williams

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