

# Ordinance No. 965-2025

**By Council Members McCormack and Griffin (by departmental request)**

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into a Lease Agreement with BigPlay, LLC, for the lease of space located at 1501 North Marginal Road, for the use and occupancy of space located in the terminal building of Burke Lakefront Airport for the operation of its podcast studio, for a period of one year, with four one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

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WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland owns certain office space located at Burke Lakefront Airport which is not needed for the City’s public use; and

WHEREAS, BigPlay, LLC. (“the Lessee”) has proposed to lease the property from the City for the purpose of operating a podcast studio; 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 notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Chapters 181 and 183 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, and at the direction of the Board of Control, the Director of Port Control is authorized to lease to Lessee, for the use and occupancy of approximately 266 square feet of space, room number 161, which is located in the terminal building at Burke Lakefront Airport for the operation of a podcast studio.

Section 2. That the term of the lease authorized by this ordinance shall be for a one-year period, with four one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Section 3. That the per annum rental rate shall be at an initial rental rate based on an independent third-party appraisal and for each year after the initial term on the effective date of the Lease, the rental rate shall be adjusted based on the United States Department of Labor, Consumer Price Index: “All Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers; however, never lower than the rate during the initial term.

Section 4. That the Lease authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 5. 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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8-13-2025  
FOR: Director Francis

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