

Ordinance No. 692-2026

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to employ one or more professional consultants to provide climbing safety training and mentorship to support development for the Division of Urban Forestry, Department of Parks and Recreation, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

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 Parks and Recreation is authorized to employ by contract or contracts one or more consultants or one or more firms of consultants for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland in order to provide professional services necessary to provide climbing safety training, which includes but is not limited to, providing hands-on instruction, reinforcing safety protocols, supervising climbing activities, and introducing foundational aerial rescue concepts, and also to provide mentors to support workforce development, for the Division of Urban Forestry, Department of Parks and Recreation, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

The selection of the consultant or consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Parks and Recreation from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the purchases and/or services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Parks and Recreation may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases and/or obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors and/or consultants selected through that cooperative process.

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Section 3. That the cost of the contract or contracts authorized shall be paid from Fund No. 01-7012-6927. (RQS 4502, RL 2026-28)

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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FOR: Director Nichols

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**and referred to DIRECTORS of Parks and Recreation, Finance, and Law;
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