

Ordinance No. 245-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a police authorizing agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for GCRTA to exercise police authority within such areas of the City as may be agreed to by the parties.

**Council Members Zone and Kelley
(by departmental request)**

WHEREAS, divisions (Y) and (CC) of Section 306.35 of the Revised Code authorize regional transit authorities to maintain a transit police department to exercise police authority within transit facilities and to enter into agreements with municipal corporations to permit regional transit authority police officers to exercise full arrest powers for the purpose of preserving the peace and enforcing all laws of the state and ordinances and regulations of the municipal corporation within areas that may be agreed to by the regional transit authority and the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City's prior such agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") expired December 1, 2018, and the parties desire to enter into a new agreement for the greater efficiency and safety of the public transportation system and in the interest of mutual aid for the greater public good; 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 Safety is authorized to enter into an agreement with the GCRTA to permit GCRTA police officers to exercise police authority under divisions (Y) and (CC) of Section 306.35 of the Revised Code within the areas that may be agreed to by the City and GCRTA. The agreement authorized by this ordinance shall contain such provisions as may be needed to protect the interests of the City, in the opinion of the Director of Public Safety or the Director of Law.

Section 2. That the agreement may contain a provision that it may be amended from time to time as the Director of Public Safety and GCRTA deem necessary.

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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**REPORT
after second Reading**

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READ FIRST TIME on FEBRUARY 25, 2019
and referred to DIRECTORS of Public Safety, Finance, Law;
COMMITTEES on Safety, Finance

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