

Ordinance No. 245-2026

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To deposit revenues from on-street parking meters into the General Fund; establishing a Parking Benefits Fund; and enumerating a particular purpose for expenditure through the Parking Benefits Fund.

WHEREAS, the City operates on-street parking meters and deposits revenue therefrom into Parking Enterprise Fund No. 65 SF 001, which fund also collects revenues from other parking and parking-related sources; and

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to its Home Rule authority under Section 3, Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, wishes to deposit all on-street parking meter revenues into the General Fund as of July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 5705.09(F) of the Revised Code allows the City to establish “[a] special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose;” and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish a special fund to allocate a portion of on-street parking meter revenue deposited in the General Fund, calculated in terms of monthly net operating profits associated with said revenue, to be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in this ordinance; 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, effective July 1, 2026, all revenues from on-street parking meters shall be deposited into the General Fund of the City as non-tax revenue.

Section 2. That, pursuant to Section 5705.09(F) of the Revised Code, there is hereby established the “Parking Benefits Fund,” Fund No. 10 SF 988, as the special fund for the class of revenues described in Section 4 of this ordinance, derived from sources other than general property tax and to be used only for the purposes set forth in Section 4 below.

Section 3. That (a) for each calendar month beginning July, 2026, an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the net operating profit of the City’s on-street parking meter revenues for that month (the “Monthly Parking Amount”) is hereby

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required by law to be used solely for the purposes set forth in Section 4 of this ordinance, and shall be deposited into the Parking Benefits Fund; (b) for the purposes of this ordinance, “net operating profit” means (i) operating revenues of the City’s on-street parking meters less (ii) operating and maintenance expenses of the meters for that month, as determined by the Director of Finance in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the City’s standard accounting practices, and applicable law; (c) to implement the deposit described in subsection (a), the Director of Finance is authorized to transfer the Monthly Parking Amount from the General Fund to the Parking Benefits Fund on a monthly basis, pursuant to Section 5705.14(E) of the Ohio Revised Code; (d) the Director of Public Works or the Commissioner of Parking shall calculate the Monthly Parking Amount and complete the deposit and transfer required under this section no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar month, subject to reasonable administrative adjustments; and (e) nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to authorize any transfer between funds except to the extent such transfer is authorized by the Revised Code and applicable City law.

Section 4. That the amounts held in the Parking Benefits Fund shall be expended for the particular purpose of citywide investments that improve safety, accessibility, and other enhancements related to on-street parking and citizen mobility, including but not limited to sidewalk and curb ramp repairs, high-visibility crosswalk and other traffic calming initiatives, pavement markings, curb management, lighting and safety initiatives, wayfinding and signage, street furniture, materials, and related professional services. Expenditures from the Parking Benefits Fund for the foregoing purposes shall be subject to applicable law, including applicable provisions of the City Charter and Codified Ordinances.

Section 5. That the Parking Benefits Fund shall be administered by the Department of Public Works, through its Division of Traffic Engineering and in conjunction with the City Planning Commission as appropriate.

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Section 6. 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: Directors Laird and Mersmann

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