

# Ordinance No. 534-2022

By Council Members Kazy and Griffin  
(by departmental request)

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to employ one or more professional consultants to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities, for the Divisions of Water and Cleveland Public Power for a period of one year, with four options to renew for additional one year periods, the second of which is exercisable through additional legislative authority.

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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 Utilities 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 to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities, including but not limited to, hosting and managed services, bill printing and mailing, electronic bill payment and presentation, and to provide various types of software needed to implement this ordinance, and other related services, for the Divisions of Water and Cleveland Public Power, as the administrators of the City's utility accounts and as the third-party administrators of utility accounts of other public entities period of one year, with four options to renew for additional one year periods. The first of the one-year options to renew may be exercised by the Director of Public Utilities, without the necessity of obtaining additional authority of this Council. The second of the one-year options to renew may not be exercised without additional legislative authority. If such additional legislative authority is granted and the second of the one-year options to renew is exercised, then the third and fourth of the one-year options to renew may be exercised at the option of the Director of Public Utilities, without the necessity of obtaining additional authority of this Council.

The selection of the consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Public Utilities from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Public Utilities for the purpose of compiling a list. The

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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 Public Utilities, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That the cost of the contract or contracts authorized shall be paid from Fund Nos. 52 SF 001 and 58 SF 001. (RQS 2002, RLA 2022-31)

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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FOR: Director Keane

