

# **Paid Parking Facility Legislation**

*Ordinance*  
**No.726-2025**

**Council Hearing:  
Zoning-Development  
Planning & Sustainability  
Committee**



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

# **Goal:** Clear, Collaborative & Proactive

**Reduce crime and strengthen public safety in paid parking lots**

**Work proactively with facility owner / operators to implement security measures that protect people and property**

**Ensure safer, more secure, and welcoming parking lots that benefit users, operators, surrounding businesses, and communities**



# Proposed Legislation: Changes

## Lighting:

Minimum requirements would be established as one (1) footcandle for all walking surfaces and ten (10) footcandles in stairwells / landings *\*Existing requirements are 1-2.5 footcandles, updated 2024*

Illumination would be required to be shielded to protect glare on any adjacent residential buildings

# Proposed Legislation: Changes

## Licensing:

Applications would need to include a certificate of occupancy and accurately scaled / dimensioned images of signage

For Downtown Designated Districts (*Downtown Core, Warehouse, Erievue and Gateway*) License applications would also be requesting that operators list the security measures they have in place. These security measures would be reviewed and approved by the Cleveland Division of Police

*\*Downtown districts as defined by CCO 457.035*



# Proposed Legislation: Changes

## Maintenance:

Facilities are already required to maintain proper grading for drainage, use approved surface materials, and remain free of trash - this update places the requirement within the maintenance section for greater clarity and consistency

*\*Current CCO 547.02 incorporates CCO 349.07 which contains these requirements*

Operators would be required to maintain clear, accurate signage and take reasonable measures so that parking payments are collected directly by the operator, not by any fraudulent third parties

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## Penalties:

Criminal penalties for violators of sections 457.01, 457.04, 457.06, 457.08, and 457.09, mostly concerning licensing and signage, will increase from \$100.00 to \$150.00

*\*No changes to existing civil penalties*



# Downtown Requirement: Security Measures

As part of the license application process, parking facility operators would be required to identify the security measures they have or plan to have in place

The questionnaire an applicant completes contains items such as:  
Perimeter security, staffing levels, surveillance (inc. cameras), signage, access control, lighting, safety features, etc.

Cleveland Police would review the identified security measures on a case-by-case basis, including facility location, size, frequency of use, and a review of any reported criminal activity in the past year

# **Downtown Requirement: Security Measures**

**Cleveland Police would have up to 60 days to review and approve the security measures submitted as part of the license application**

**The applicant may be asked to supply additional information or if it's determined the security measures are insufficient, may be required to submit revised security measures plan for a second review**

**As part of the enforcement process, if Cleveland Police identify three or more nuisance or criminal violations within six months, the operator could be required to submit an updated security measures plan with enhanced features**

**If the plan is inadequate or no agreement on additional reasonable security measures is reached, a hearing may be held, and the license could be revoked**



# Proposed Legislation: **Amendments**

Revised language in several areas, changing “adequate” to “reasonable”, emphasizing that the Cleveland Division of Police cannot impose unreasonable demands on owner / operators regarding enhanced security measures **\*Section 457.03 (c)**

Added a provision requiring the Director of Public Safety to report to City Council after two years on the effectiveness of the ordinance’s security measures **\*Section 5**



**Thank You – Questions**