

# Ordinance No. 827-2025

**Council Members Jones, Bishop, Gray,  
Hairston, and Griffin  
(by departmental request)**

**FOR PASSAGE  
July 9, 2025**

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To amend the title, the first and second whereas clauses, and Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 482-2023, passed May 31, 2023, relating to agreements to provide economic development assistance for commercial corridor projects through the Southeast Side Commercial Corridor Program.

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 title, the first and second whereas clauses, and Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 482-2023, passed May 31, 2023, are amended to read as follows:

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into, or cause to be entered into, one or more agreements to provide economic development assistance for commercial corridor projects in Cleveland's Southeast Side neighborhoods all of the existing boundaries of Wards 1, 2, and 4 through the Southeast Side Commercial Corridor Program and other agreements; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

WHEREAS, as part of an overall strategy to reinvest in key strategic corridors in all of the existing boundaries of Wards 1, 2, and 4, the City desires to provide economic development assistance for commercial corridor projects through the Southeast Side Commercial Corridor Program and other agreements (the "Program"); and ~~the City Southeast Side neighborhoods, the City desires to revitalize key strategic corridors ("Program"); and~~

WHEREAS, ~~the City's Southeast Side neighborhoods of Union-Miles Mount Pleasant, and Lee-Harvard~~ Wards 1, 2, and 4 have experienced historic, concentrated disinvestment through redlining and structural racism, and the City is committed to reversing the cycle of disinvestment because residents deserve to live in a safe, equitable, vibrant neighborhood of choice; and

Section 1. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into or cause to be entered into, one or more agreements with individuals and public or private entitles to provide economic development assistance for projects that will revitalize commercial corridors ~~in the City's Southeast Side neighborhoods and result in job creation~~ under the Program ("Projects").

The selection of the ~~Projects~~ projects under the Program shall be made by the ~~Board of Control on the nomination of the~~ Director of Economic Development from a list of projects as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the director for the purpose of compiling a list. The amount and type of funding shall be determined by the Director ~~Board of Control~~. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Economic Development, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to employ by contract or contracts one or more individuals, consultants or one or

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more firms of consultants, or other public or private entities of 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 implement , manage or provide other services for the ~~Projects~~ projects under the Program.

The selection of the professional consultants shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Economic Development from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Economic Development 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 Economic Development, and certified by the Director of Finance.

The Director of Economic Development shall provide written notice to the Clerk of Council whenever any contract is made under Section 1, which notice shall include the details of any such contract.

Section 2. That the existing title, the first and second whereas clauses, and Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 482-2023, passed May 31, 2023, are repealed.

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.

RB:nl  
7-9-2025  
FOR: Director McNair

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REPORT  
after second Reading

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READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

and referred to

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CITY CLERK

READ SECOND TIME

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READ THIRD TIME on JULY 9, 2025

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR