



Cleveland City Council

Cleveland City Hall, Room
216
601 Lakeside Avenue, N.E.
Cleveland, OH 44114

Committee Calendar

City Council

Monday, February 24, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

The meeting will be live broadcast. See meeting notice for details.

[Item-1005](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for February 24, 2025

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 2-24-2025](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•Communications

[213-2025](#) Oath of Office for Lisa Goods, Member of Cleveland Commission of Black Women and Girls, City of Cleveland

Indexes: OATH OF OFFICE

Attachments: [213-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Lisa Goods, CCBWG Member](#)

[214-2025](#) Oath of Office for Jarod M. Schlacht, Deputy Chief of Police, Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland

Indexes: OATH OF OFFICE; POLICE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [214-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Jarod Schlacht, Deputy Chief F](#)

[215-2025](#) Oath of Office for Toi Porch, Interim Commissioner of Division of Urban Forestry, Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Cleveland.

Attachments: [215-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Toi Porch, Interim Comm Urb F](#)

[216-2025](#) From John Anoliefo, Executive Director, Famicos Foundation. Notice of intent to apply to Ohio Housing Finance Agency for multifamily funding programs for the development known as Park Village, located at the approximate address of 9221 Hough Avenue (Ward 7), Cleveland, Ohio.

Indexes: COMMUNICATIONS; OHIO HOUSE FINANCE AGENCY

Attachments: [216-2025-COMMUNICATION-notify intent to apply to OHFA by Famicos Fdn fo](#)

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[211-2025](#) #2847871. New License Application, C1. 491 Memphis Oil LLC, 4915 Memphis Ave. (Ward 13).

Attachments: [211-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor4915Memphis](#)

[212-2025](#) #6029099. New License Application, C2. 3879 Mini Mart, Inc., 3879 East 123rd St. (Ward 2).

Attachments: [212-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor3879East123rd](#)

[249-2025](#) #01007783030. New License Application, C2. Aldi, Inc. Ohio, 14651 Lorain Ave. (Ward 17).

Attachments: [249-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor14651Lorain](#)

[254-2025](#) #26109460035. Economic Development Transfer Application, D5 D6. Facility Concession Services LLC, 2325 Elm St. (Ward 3).

Attachments: [254-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor2325Elm](#)

[255-2025](#) #7247189. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2 D3 D3A. Red Space Entertainment LLC, 2400 Superior Ave. (Ward 7).

Attachments: [255-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor2400Superior](#)

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[256-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Pastor B.W. Bennett

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones

Indexes: CONDOLENCES

[257-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for James Jefferson

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop

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- [258-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Gail Elizabeth Gibson Gray
Sponsors: Kevin Conwell
Indexes: CONDOLENCES
- [277-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Larry Dolan
Sponsors: Blaine Griffin
Indexes: CONDOLENCES
- [278-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Timothy James "Tim" Costello
Sponsors: Charles Slife, Brian Kazy and Kerry McCormack
Indexes: CONDOLENCES
- [279-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Roberta Flack
Sponsors: Blaine Griffin
Indexes: CONDOLENCES
- [280-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Donovan Matthews
Sponsors: Blaine Griffin
Indexes: CONDOLENCES

•**Congratulations/Recognition/Appreciation/Commendation/Commemoration/Welcome**

- [259-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Central Kitchen
Sponsors: Richard Starr
Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS
- [260-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Doug Patterson
Sponsors: Michael Polensek
Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS
- [261-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for St. Theresa Holiness Science Church - 75th Anniversary
Sponsors: Richard Starr
Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS
- [262-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Lithuanian Independence Day
Sponsors: Michael Polensek
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [263-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Alonzo Wright
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION

- [264-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Sunday School, L.O.V.E., Sustainability, Greens-N-Tha-Ghetto Earth Day Celebration
Sponsors: Richard Starr
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [265-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Zelma George 2nd Annual Black History Legacy Dinner
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [266-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Mount Pleasant Neighborhood
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [267-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Brenda Pickett Watson
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [268-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Ludlow Community Association
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [269-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for William H. Gilbert - Gilbert & Gilbert Construction Company
Sponsors: Deborah Gray
Indexes: RECOGNITION
- [270-2025](#) Appreciation Resolution for Lisa M. Stickan
Sponsors: Kevin Bishop
Indexes: APPRECIATION
- [271-2025](#) Appreciation Resolution for Pastor Cecil Gamble, Jr.
Sponsors: Kevin Bishop
Indexes: APPRECIATION
- [272-2025](#) Appreciation Resolution for Carolyn L. Varner
Sponsors: Kevin Bishop
Indexes: APPRECIATION
- [273-2025](#) Appreciation Resolution for Donna Walker-Brown
Sponsors: Kevin Bishop
Indexes: APPRECIATION

274-2025	Appreciation Resolution for Fred Moore
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Kevin Bishop
<u>Indexes:</u>	APPRECIATION
275-2025	Appreciation Resolution for First Ladies Dynasti Organization
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Kevin Bishop
<u>Indexes:</u>	APPRECIATION
276-2025	Appreciation Resolution for Minister Johnny Johnson
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Kevin Bishop
<u>Indexes:</u>	APPRECIATION
281-2025	Congratulations Resolution for Anthony & Joe Russo
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Michael Polensek and Blaine Griffin
<u>Indexes:</u>	CONGRATULATIONS

PRESENTATIONS**FIRST READING LEGISLATION****•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

217-2025	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with Saint Martin De Porres High School to participate as a sponsor of students for work/study positions with Cleveland City Council.
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Blaine Griffin
<u>Indexes:</u>	AGREEMENTS; CITY COUNCIL; CLERK OF COUNCIL
<u>Attachments:</u>	217-2025-SMDP 2025-26
227-2025	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an amendment to the agreement with JS Strategies, LLC for the professional services necessary to continue the audit, review and assessment of Cleveland City Council's communications programs.
<u>Sponsors:</u>	Blaine Griffin
<u>Attachments:</u>	227-2025-amend agreement with JS Strategies

[228-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Sections 630.01 and 630.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 574-18, passed May 14, 2018, relating to criminal activity nuisances declared and action to abate nuisances and cost of enforcement.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [228-2025-Amend CO ord 630.01 and 630.02, criminal nuisance](#)

[229-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend the title and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1052-2024, passed November 25, 2024, to change the name of Prospect International Airport Services Corporation to Prospect International Airport Services, LLC.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [229-2025-amend ord 1052-2024 Prospect International Airport Services name c](#)

[230-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. RC 2023-075 with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for inspection, testing and service of proprietary fire protections, life safety systems and replacement parts for the various divisions of the Department of Public Utilities.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [230-2025-Exercise option to renew CT RC2023-75 with Johnson Controls Fire F](#)

[231-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to transfer several permanent parcels located in the vicinity of East 75th Street and Grand Avenue, to the control, possession, and use of the Department of Economic Development for inclusion into a consolidated site to be used for future redevelopment.

Sponsors: Richard Starr, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [231-2025-Interdepartmental Transfer from CD and PSaf to ED land bank - E 75](#)

[232-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into one or more agreements with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, to provide services necessary for general routine maintenance and repair of a portion of State Route 176, for a period or periods not to exceed a total of two years.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [232-2025-2025-K w ODOT for maintenance on a portion of mile marker 10 on S](#)
[232-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[233-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Determining the method of making the public improvement for the grinding of pavement for the local resurfacing of city streets and authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into one or more public improvement requirement contracts for the making of the improvement, for a period up to one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [233-2025-PIK Req k grinding pavement](#)
[233-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[234-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants to provide technical support and maintenance of core information technology activities and other related services and to acquire software, for the Department of Port Control, for a period of one year, with four one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [234-2025-Prof serv tech support and maintenance for core IT- PC](#)

[235-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of rock salt, for the Division of Streets, Department of Public Works, for a period of one year.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [235-2025-Req K rock salt](#)
[235-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[237-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 5001 PS 2024-364 with the Ohio Public Health Association, to provide additional temporary staffing and to change the term of the contract.

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [237-2025-Amend contract CT 5001 PS 2024-364 Ohio Public Health Associatio](#)

[238-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 2 of Ordinance No. 402-2022, passed June 6, 2022, relating to general planning, engineering and design services to add an additional funding source.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [238-2025-amend ord 402-2022 provide general planning and engineering- add f](#)

[239-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into one or more contracts with FASTER Asset Solutions for the acquisition of a database management system including software licenses, system support annual maintenance and the services necessary to migrate to a web based system, for the Division of Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Department of Public Works, for a period of two years.

Sponsors:

Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[239-2025-Dir Prof Serv with FASTER Asset Solutions to upgrade current invent](#)
[239-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[240-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To repeal Ordinance No. 828-2024, passed September 23, 2024, relating to the purchase of up to thirteen passenger-boarding bridges at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; and determining the method of making the public improvement of purchasing, installing, disposing, designing and constructing of up to thirteen passenger boarding bridges and appurtenances; and authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into one or more public improvement contracts for the making of the improvement.

Sponsors:

Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[240-2025-Repeal 828-2024 Std k thirteen passenger boarding bridges to chang](#)

[242-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Approving the addition of certain property located at 2164-2214 West 25th Street to the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District; accepting and approving a petition and plan from a property owner in the District identifying a special energy improvement project; declaring it necessary to conduct the special energy improvement project; providing for the assessment of the cost of such special energy improvement project; authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a Cooperative Agreement and a Special Assessment Agreement to implement the project; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors:

Kerry McCormack, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[242-2025-Addition of property on West 25 to NE Ohio Energy District Carriage C](#)
[242-2025-A-FILE - Addition of property on West 25 to NE Ohio Energy District. I](#)

[243-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 133.31 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as enacted by Ordinance No. 521-2024, passed July 10, 2024, relating to the Highland Park Golf Course and Banquet Room rates.

Sponsors:

Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[243-2025-Amend 133.31, Highland Golf Course Fees](#)

[244-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 0114 PS 2023-42 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System, to provide social support services.

Sponsors:

Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[244-2025-Amend contract CT 0114 PS 2023-42 Murtis Taylor to authorize addit](#)

[245-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 2 of Ordinance No. 75-2024, passed April 15, 2024, relating to professional services of providing emergency medical billing services, coding, reimbursement and compliance services.

Sponsors:

Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[245-2025-amend ord 75-2024, prof serv for emergency medical billing services](#)

[246-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Parks and Recreation and Community Development to enter into a property exchange agreement with the Board of Education of the Cleveland Municipal School District for the transfer of various properties between the parties to facilitate the efficient use of real estate for public purposes including construction of the new JFK High School Athletic Stadium at property near the new JFK High School and City-owned JFK Recreation Center; authorizing the Mayor and Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire and convey the properties; and authorizing one or more agreements between the Cleveland Municipal School District and the Director of Parks and Recreation relating to the construction and shared use of the new stadium, for a term of fifteen years and renewing automatically from year to year thereafter until terminated by either party.

Sponsors:

Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments:

[246-2025-Land swap with CMSD JFK Stadium Shared Use Ag](#)

[250-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To exempt certain property parcels from tax abatement policies under Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, relating to Community Reinvestment Areas.

Sponsors:

Blaine Griffin

Attachments:

[250-2025-exempting parcels from tax abatement policy 482-2022 \(CRA\)](#)

[251-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to sell City-owned air-rights interest no longer needed for the City's public use located at the right-of-way of Scranton Road aka Eagle Avenue, to GPP Medical Facility LLC for the purpose of constructing a building and; Enter into an agreement for the construction, operation, maintenance, inspection and repair of the overhead structure within the air-rights parcel above the Scranton Road right-of- way.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [251-2025-Sell air rights to GPP Medical Facility located above Scranton ave-Ea](#)

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[218-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 117-2025, passed January 27, 2025, relating to a First Amendment Agreement with Famicos Foundation for Cleveland City Council.

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASINO REVENUE FUNDS ; CITY COUNCIL; FAMICOS FOUNDATION; PUBLIC WORKS; WARD 07

Attachments: [218-2025-FOR PASSAGE-amend contracted dept Ward 7 Beautification 2024](#)

[219-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 118-2025, passed January 27, 2025, relating to a First Amendment Agreement with Famicos Foundation for Cleveland City Council.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASINO REVENUE FUNDS ; FAMICOS FOUNDATION; PUBLIC WORKS; WARD 10

Attachments: [219-2025-FOR PASSAGE-amend contracted dept Ward 10 Beautification 2024](#)

[220-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio 1976 by amending Section 123.05, as amended by Ordinance No. 346-52, passed June 16, 1952 relating to the Mayor's Report and Mayor's Estimate.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

Attachments: [220-2025-FOR PASSAGE-amend Sec 123.05 re Mayor's Estimate](#)

[221-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with NetX Internet LLC to provide wireless internet service to Cleveland City Council.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Attachments: [221-2025-FOR PASSAGE-NETX 2025](#)

[222-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the Amazing AKA 5K Run on September 28, 2025, managed by Hermes Sports & Events.

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell

Attachments: [222-2025-FOR PASSAGE-run permit-Amazing AKA 5K Run 9-28-2025](#)
[222-2025-Amazing AKA 5K Run Course Map](#)

[223-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the St. Mark Run for the Arts 5K and 1M on May 31, 2025, managed by Peace Racing.

Sponsors: Charles Slife

Attachments: [223-2025-FOR PASSAGE-run permit-St. Mark Run for the Arts 5-31-2025](#)

[247-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 3 of Ordinance 124-2025, passed January 27, 2025, relating to the agreement with Famicos Foundation for the Collinwood Senior Health and Wellness Walkers Club.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

Attachments: [247-2025-FOR PASSAGE-amend date of performance Collinwood Walkers 202](#)

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

[236-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin, Michael Polensek and Stephanie Howse-Jones

Attachments: [236-2025-declaring Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

[252-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Strongly opposing Senate Bill 1, and urging the Ohio House of Representatives to defeat this bill that would prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at Ohio's public universities of higher education.

Sponsors: Richard Starr and Stephanie Howse-Jones

Attachments: [252-2025- opposing SB 1 prohibiting DEI efforts at Ohio public univs](#)

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[224-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to the transfer of ownership of a C1 Liquor Permit to 540 East 105th Street.

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell

Attachments: [224-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-TRFO-540 East 105 St](#)

- [225-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to the transfer of ownership of a C2, C2X and D6 Liquor Permit to 4282 West 130th Street.
- Sponsors:** Brian Kazy
- Attachments:** [225-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-TRFO-4282 West 130th St](#)
- [226-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objection to the transfer of ownership of a C1, C2, and D6 Liquor 7515 Kinsman Road and repealing Resolution No. 1026-2024 objecting to said permit.
- Sponsors:** Richard Starr
- Attachments:** [226-2025-FOR ADOPTION-WITHDRAWAL-TRFO-7515 Kinsman Rd](#)
- [241-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring support for the preservation of the Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds.
- Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin
- Attachments:** [241-2025-FOR ADOPTION-support federal tax exemption for municipal bonds](#)
- [248-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Appointing one member between the ages 18 and 30 to the Civilian Police Review Board.
- Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin
- Attachments:** [248-2025-FOR ADOPTION- re-appt Chenoa Miller to CPRB 2025-2029](#)
- [253-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to a New C2 Liquor Permit at 3879 East 123rd Street.
- Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 02
- Attachments:** [253-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-NEW-3879 East 123rd St](#)

SECOND READING LEGISLATION**•Emergency Ordinances Passed**

[44-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Upon vacation of old West Boulevard, to revoke the existing encroachment permit to the Tamir Rice Foundation for the Tamir Rice Memorial; authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to execute a deed of easement over the revoked encroachment permit property granting to the Tamir Rice Foundation certain easement rights to improve and maintain the Tamir Rice Memorial; granting easements to utility providers for any existing facility through or under the right-of-way of vacated old West Boulevard; and declaring that the easement rights granted are not needed for the City's public use.

Sponsors:

Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston and By Departmental Request

Indexes:

EASEMENTS; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; TAMIR RICE MEMORIAL

Attachments:

[44-2025-Revoke encroachment permit at Tamir Rice Memorial replace with an e](#)
[44-2025 Executive Summary](#)
[44-2025 PERSENTATION](#)

•Ordinances Passed[1203-2024](#)

AN ORDINANCE Changing the Use, Area and Height Districts of parcels of land east of East 105th Street between Churchill Avenue and Orville Avenue. (Map Change 2687)

Sponsors:

Kevin Conwell

Indexes:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; WARD 09; ZONING

Attachments:

[1203-2024-Zoning - E of E 105 b. Churchill & Orville](#)
[1203-2024 PRESENTATION](#)

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