

Ordinance No. 869-2022

**By Council Members Polensek and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Network for reciprocal police services, including but not limited to, bomb squad services, SWAT unit services, and field force services, and use of police equipment within all respective areas, including Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Network (“SEALE”) is a law enforcement entity comprising the Cities of Bedford, Maple Heights, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights and Solon and the Village of Walton Hills; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of SEALE and Cleveland to provide for, and mutually enhance, their police service protection capabilities in the event of an emergency or large scale events in each other’s respective jurisdictions, including Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; 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 the Director of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with SEALE for reciprocal police services, including but not limited to, bomb squad services, SWAT unit services, and field force services, and use of police equipment within all respective areas, including Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Section 2. That any member of a participating police department acting outside the limits of their municipal corporation in which they are employed under this agreement, may participate in any pension or indemnity fund established by their employer at the same extent as while acting within the employing municipal corporation, and are entitled to all the rights and benefits of the applicable sections of Chapter 4123 of the Revised Code, to the same extent as while they are employed. The pension or indemnity fund of the municipal corporation calling for assistance shall not be liable for any benefits of the responding municipal corporation.

Section 3. That in any such Mutual Aid Agreement, the Director of Public Safety shall retain authority to determine the extent of aid committed and to decline to

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respond to a request for mutual aid if the aid requested interferes with the Department of Public Safety's ability to provide the proper level of services to its own constituency.

The Director of Law shall review all agreements to determine that the terms and conditions are appropriate and consistent with the City's interests.

Section 4. 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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9-12-2022

FOR: Director Howard

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**and referred to DIRECTORS of Public Safety, Finance, Law;
COMMITTEES on Safety, Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

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