

# Ordinance No. 1012-2022

By Council Member Griffin  
(by departmental request)

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 127.14 relating to contracts for collection services for the City of Cleveland.

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 Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Section 127.14 to read as follows:

### Section 127.14 Contracts for Collection Services on Behalf of the City of Cleveland

(a) The Director of Finance is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for professional non-legal services necessary to collect any or all of the following:

- (1) Statutory fees as assessed by the City;
- (2) Civil and domestic court costs;
- (3) Criminal court costs so long as the defendant is not incarcerated on the date the debt is certified;
- (4) Municipal taxes;
- (5) EMS debts;
- (6) property damage; and
- (7) parking tickets.

(b) Any collection contract entered into under the authority of this section may include in its scope the collection of any or all receivables of the City of Cleveland whether or not expressly listed in division (a). The types of receivables listed in division (a) are illustrative only and shall not limit the scope of collection work that may be included in the contract.

(c) In any case in which it is not already provided that the debtor is liable for the costs of collection under any provision of the Codified Ordinances or state law, or any rule of court or judgment entry, the debtor may be assessed a fee in an amount equal to the costs paid by the City to any consultant for the costs of collection of the debt.

(d) The cost of each contract authorized by this section shall be paid from any proper appropriation accounts including any fund to which are credited the following fees, which are appropriated for this purpose:

- (1) The fee established under division (c) of this section; and
- (2) Any other fee established by the Codified Ordinances or state law, or rule of court or judgment entry that imposes upon a debtor the cost of collecting a receivable of the City.

Section 2. 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.

DDR:nl  
10-3-2022  
FOR: Director Abonamah

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**REPORT  
after second Reading**

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**READ FIRST TIME on OCTOBER 3, 2022**  
**and referred to DIRECTORS of Finance, Law;**  
**COMMITTEE on Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

**REPORTS**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**APPROVED**

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**MAYOR**

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