

Ordinance No. 1273-2024

By Council Members McCormack, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to sign a petition in support of continuing the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District; and to request that certain City properties be included in the District.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1710 of the Revised Code authorizes the formation of a special improvement district within the boundaries of a municipality by petition of property owners in the district and approval by the municipality for the purpose of developing and implementing a plan for public improvements and public services that benefit the district; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District (the “District”) was established in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the District is governed by the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation (“DCIC”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation, pursuant to Chapters 1702 and 1710 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the DCIC is seeking to continue the District’s effective dates for calendar years 2026 through 2032; and

WHEREAS, the DCIC is distributing to property owners in the District a petition in support of continuing the District and adjusting its boundaries (the “Petition”) for the purpose of implementing the District’s Comprehensive Services Plan (the “District Plan”); and

WHEREAS, under Section 1710.02(E) of the Revised Code, real property owned by a municipal government is generally excluded from a special improvement district unless inclusion is specifically requested in writing; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to sign the Petition, which will include properties owned by the City for special assessments within the boundaries of the District; 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 Economic Development (“Director”) is authorized, on behalf of the City, to sign the Petition in support of continuing the

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District, adjusting its boundaries, and implementing the District Plan for the benefit of the District; and is further authorized to request in writing that the City properties located within the District be included in the District for special assessment in accordance with Section 1710.02(E) of the Revised Code.

Section 2. That a copy of the Petition, the District Plan, the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the DCIC, and the estimate for the special assessments are placed in **File No. 1273-2024-A**, which is made part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, and shall not be materially changed without additional legislative authority.

Section 3. That all special assessments levied against the City's properties as a result of the City's inclusion in the District are estimated to be \$3,738,149 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-001-9998. (RQS 9501, RLA 2024-123)

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.

MC:VG:nl
11-28-2024
Director McNair

