Council Summary

Department of Public Health

July 2, 2025

Ordinance No.: 633-2025

Legislative Purpose: To amend Sections 203.01, 203.02, and 203.05 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by various ordinances; and to supplement the codified ordinances by enacting new Section 203.11, all relating to nuisance abatement.

Legislative Summary:

Ordinance No. 633-2025 updates the nuisance ordinances under the Health Code to strengthen the City's enforcement authority.

The legislation clarifies and expands the authority of City officials to investigate and abate nuisance conditions and introduces a comprehensive definition of "person responsible" to clearly identify individuals and entities accountable for creating, maintaining, or permitting nuisance conditions.

The ordinance also strengthens legal remedies available to the City by allowing civil enforcement and recovery of associated costs, attorney's fees, and penalties.

Finally, new Section 203.11 codifies specific conditions that constitute a public nuisance when they impact health, safety, or welfare, or violate applicable codes and laws.