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Ordinance No. 807-2025

By Mayor Bibb

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To establish the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice; to supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio 1976, by enacting new Section 123.11 relating to the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice; and to amend Section 121.01 as amended by Ordinance No. 109-11, passed April 4, 2011, relating to offices considered departments.

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, upon the concurrence of the Board of Control, as required by Sections 77 and 79 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland, the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice is established, and for such purposes the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Section 123.11 to read as follows:

Section 123.11 Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice

(a) With the concurrence of the Board of Control, as required by Section 77 of the Charter, there is established in the Office of the Mayor, the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice, to be administered and controlled by an Executive Assistant or Special Assistant to the Mayor, to be appointed by the Mayor to be the Director of Sustainability and Climate Justice and subject to the Mayor's supervision and control. The Director shall appoint, in accordance with the civil service provisions of the Charter, such assistants, managers, clerical and other employees as may be required for the performance of the duties of the Office, and shall be responsible for their supervision.

(b) The Director shall develop and implement policies, programs and strategies that enable the City of Cleveland and its various departments to do the following: lower energy use, use more renewable energy, have and use healthier transportation and buildings, remediate waste, spur environmentally sustainable economic development and increase healthier natural spaces and trees throughout the city. The Director shall direct programs and develop strategies to lower carbon emissions and improve the health and well-being of people, air, land and water in the face of a changing climate. The Director shall support the operations of the City of Cleveland by working with residents, businesses, community organizations and other leaders.

(c) The Director shall appoint and employ staff such as subject matter experts, technical and office personnel, as they may deem necessary within the appropriation made available for such purpose.

(d) The Director shall be required to collect data on city operations for the accurate analysis and reporting on progress for city operational sustainability and climate justice related goals.

(e) The Director shall have authority to accept grants, gifts, and services from any public or private entity that may become available; the Director shall have authority to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive any grants, gifts, and services; and that any funds are appropriated for the purposes described; and the

Director is further authorized to pay cash matching funds if required to receive grant funding under this section. The Director shall notify the Clerk of Council of accepting any grant, gift, or service under this section and its value.

(f) The Director is authorized to enter into various written standard purchase and requirement contracts; to employ one or more professional consultants; and to enter into one or more contracts with various agencies, entities, or individuals to implement the purposes outlined in this section.

(g) The Director is authorized to expend funds and enter into one or more contracts with vendors for the following public purposes:

(1) To provide food and non-alcoholic beverages for employees and non-employees attending engagement, informational learning programs or events sponsored by the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice in furtherance of the objectives described in this section; and

(2) To provide free or reduced-cost Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") train or bus passes to non-employees to attend programs or events sponsored by the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice when those persons are unable to attend the program or events without the GCRTA free or reduced-cost train or bus passes.

(h) The total amount of funds expended under division (g) above shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) per year.

Section 2. That concurrence of the Board of Control shall be evidenced by a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Control duly filed with the Clerk of Council by the Secretary of the Board of Control immediately on the adoption of the concurring resolution, which resolution shall be attached by the Clerk of Council to this ordinance.

Section 3. That Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 109-11, passed April 4, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Section 121.01 Offices Considered Departments

For the purposes of the general provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the City, the Municipal Court, Council, office of the Mayor, office of the Clerk of Council, Sinking Fund Commission, City Planning Commission, Office of Capital Projects, Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice, and the Board of Revision of Assessments shall be treated and construed as being departments of the City government, in addition to the administrative departments under charge of the Mayor, as established by the Charter or ordinances of the City.

Section 4. That existing Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 109-11, passed April 4, 2011, is repealed.

Section 5. The Director of Sustainability and Climate Justice is authorized to enter into contracts or perform any acts under an ordinance passed by this council that gives such authority to another director, on behalf of the Office of Sustainability and Climate Justice.

Section 6. That the enactment of Section 123.11 and the amendment of Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after passage of this ordinance.

Section 7. 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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