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Ordinance No. 986-2025

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

FOR PASSAGE
August 13, 2025

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects or Parks and Recreation, as appropriate, to enter into one or more agreements with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, or their designee, for the development of the Irishtown Bend Park and trail; and authorizing one or more agreements with Metroparks for a period up to ninety-nine years for the lease, operation, and maintenance of the improvement.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 592-2020, passed September 23, 2020, this Council authorized the Director of Capital Projects or Public Works to enter into one or more agreements with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority to improve Irishtown Bend and Franklin Avenue to correct a major hillside failure along the Cuyahoga River ("Stabilization Project"); and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 521-2024, passed July 10, 2024, the new Department of Parks and Recreation was established and this improvement now falls under its authority instead of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 592-2020 also authorized the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record the improved property to be used for future park development purposes at Irishtown Bend, including a trail connector for the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail, also known as the Lake Link Trail (collectively, the "Park Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Park Improvements, the City requires one or more agreements with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, or its designee (collectively the "Metroparks") to develop the Park Improvements and for a ninety-nine (99) year lease and management agreement with Metroparks for the ongoing operations and capital maintenance of the Park Improvements; 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 Capital Projects or Parks and Recreation, as appropriate, is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with Metroparks for the development of the Park Improvements.

Section 2. That the Director of Capital Projects or Parks and Recreation, as appropriate, is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with Metroparks for a period up to ninety-nine (99) years for the lease, operation, and maintenance of the Park Improvements.

Section 3. That notwithstanding and as an exception to the provisions of Chapters 181 and 183 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, and at the direction of the Board of Control, the Director of Capital Projects or Parks and Recreation, as appropriate, is authorized to lease to Metroparks, the area depicted on the map placed in **File No. 986-2025-A**, which is not needed for the City's public use.

Section 4. That the term of the lease authorized by this ordinance shall not exceed ninety-nine (99) years.

Section 5. That the property authorized by this ordinance shall be leased at $1.00, and other valuable consideration, determined to be fair market value, exclusive of utilities.

Section 6. That the lease may authorize the Lessee to make improvements to, and maintain, the leased premises at its cost subject to the approval of appropriate City agencies and officials.

Section 7. That the lease shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 8. That the Director of Capital Projects or Parks and Recreation, as appropriate, the Director of Law, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to execute any other documents and certificates, and take any other actions which may be necessary or appropriate to effect the lease authorized by this ordinance.

Section 9. 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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8-13-2025
FOR: Directors DeRosa and Nichols

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