Council SUMMARY
Department of Innovation & Technology

City Detect Software as a Service & Grant

Ordinance No.: 995-2025

Department: Innovation & Technology, Building & Housing

Legislative Description: This legislation will authorize the Director of Innovation & Technology to enter into one or more contracts with City Detect, Inc. for professional services necessary to provide software as a service, hardware, training, technical support, maintenance and monthly subscription service fee.

This legislation will also authorize the Director of Building and Housing to accept a grant from Rocket Community Fund in the amount of $85,000 to pay for the first year.

Legislative Purpose: Passage of this legislation will allow the Department of Innovation & Technology to conduct a 1-year pilot with City Detect. Two (2) cameras will be installed on one (1) city support vehicle – facing left and right - that will be directed to drive the city. Information from City Detect will serve as a tool to monitor vacant properties and proactively identify areas that need special attention; help staff know what issues to expect when they get there and monitor conditions when an inspector is not present. In addition to the technology, Cleveland's internal business process team in the Office of Urban Analytics and Innovation (Urban AI) will work with staff from Building and Housing, Public Works, 311, and other departments as necessary to incorporate the new technology into their daily process. The City of Cleveland has no intention of using the tool to automatically cite residents from the photos taken.

Cleveland has approximately 158,000 land parcels. This represents a sizable number of locations to cover for code enforcement, and it is hoped that automated solutions such as City Detect could become the new property survey baseline, because the prior manual processes are not only expensive and time consuming to produce but the results quickly become of out date

Term: Pilot for a period of (1) one year

Estimated Costs: Not to exceed $85,000.00

Funding Source:	Grant, Rocket Community Fund in the amount of $85,000
Vendor:	City Detect, Inc. 2627 10th Ave Suite 131 Tuscaloosa, Al 35401