Council Summary

Department of Public Safety

August 13, 2025

Ordinance No.: TBD2-2025 **FOR PASSAGE UNDER SUSPENSION**

Legislative Purpose: To amend Section 670.14 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 171-04, passed February 2, 2004, relating to limitation of authority

Legislative Summary:

CO Section 670.14 Limitation of Authority authorizes commissioned armed security guards to exercise their authority consistent with all applicable federal, state, and local laws on property designated by the Director of Public Safety or the geographical area of the City within which an armed security guard commissioned by the City may exercise his or her authority.

The City of Cleveland operates and maintains critical infrastructure facilities, including public utility and public service sites, located in municipalities outside of the City of Cleveland boundaries. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) employs Protective Services Officers (PSOs), who are not sworn police officers, but who meet prescribed training and qualification standards pursuant to CO Chapter 670, for the security of such DPU sites.

This amendment would authorize DPU Protective Services Officers employed by the City of Cleveland to carry firearms while on duty at designated City-owned or City-operated utility and infrastructure facilities located outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Cleveland, contingent upon formal agreement with the host jurisdiction(s).

This legislation would also authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into formal agreements with the host jurisdictions authorizing such activity within that jurisdiction.