

(Amended 12/20/2021)

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2021 (AS), *First Reading*

By Council Member Seren

A Resolution establishing guidelines for the organizational meeting of City Council on January 3, 2022; providing for the first regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 10, 2022; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Section III-7 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights provides in part that “Council shall meet for the purpose of organization on the first Monday in January following each regular municipal election”; and

WHEREAS, Section III-7 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights further provides that “Council shall meet at such times and at such public places within the City of Cleveland Heights as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution”; and

WHEREAS, Section 111.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights provides that regular meetings of Council be held on the first and third Mondays of each month but that Council may “authorize a change in the regular meeting schedule set forth above”; and

WHEREAS, at its first meeting in January, this Council wishes to focus exclusively on its organizational composition and the change to the Mayor-council form of government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, and the City of Cleveland Heights are experiencing a significant surge in cases of COVID-19, underscoring the need for masking, social distancing and other preventive measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby declares that its organizational meeting occurring on January 3, 2022 shall be held at the City of Cleveland Heights City Hall, Council Chambers.

SECTION 2. Council members being sworn in shall invite to the organizational meeting only a limited number of people to attend the meeting in person and shall limit those invited to attend to immediate family or similarly close persons.

SECTION 3. There will not be an opportunity for public comment at the organizational meeting.

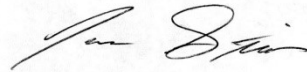
SECTION 4. This Council further declares that the first regular meeting of City Council shall be held on January 10, 2022.

SECTION 5. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the

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title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to schedule and prepare for the above-mentioned meetings at the earliest time possible. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



JASON S. STEIN
President of Council



AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: December 20, 2021