

Proposed: 8/21/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 128-2023(PD),
First Reading

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance amending Chapter 110, *City Property Disposition*, of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to permit transfer of tax-foreclosed and donated-in-lieu-of-foreclosure properties to the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation.

WHEREAS, the City owns many abandoned and foreclosed properties; and

WHEREAS, last year the City commenced the re-activation of the Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC"), which was inactive during part of the pandemic, with the intent of furthering residential development in the City; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to provide for a statutory simplified procedure by which the Mayor could transfer title to properties which have been received by the City after foreclosure or donated in lieu of foreclosure, subject to notice to City Council.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 110, *City Property Disposition*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and hereby is amended to adopt and enact a new Section 110.07 to read as follows:

110.07 DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

The Mayor is hereby authorized to transfer title to real property acquired and received by the City pursuant to foreclosure or donation in lieu of foreclosure to the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC") upon the following terms and conditions if the Mayor has determined that said lot is not needed for municipal purposes:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after any transfer subject to this Section, the Mayor shall report the sale to the Council.
- (b) The Mayor and Director of Law may adopt rules, not inconsistent with this Section, for the implementation of this Section.

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SECTION 2. Notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the 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 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

MELODY JOY HART
President of the Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor