

ORDINANCE NO. 195-2023(PD),  
*Second Reading*

By Vice President Cobb, Council  
Member Mattox

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 11-2022, to expand the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation to achieve greater community representation and expertise, modifying the ex-officio membership of the Board by replacing the Director of Housing with the Director of the Department of Planning and Development, and authorizing the Mayor to file appropriate amended Articles of Incorporation.

WHEREAS, this Council, by Ordinance No. 13-2019 and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code, created the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC") for the purpose of advancing, encouraging and promoting industrial, economic, commercial and civic development within the territorial boundaries of the City, in furtherance of the City's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 13-2019 specified four City officials and employees to serve as ex-officio members of the CIC's 5-member Board of Directors, and provided for one member to be appointed by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, based upon the change in the form of government from a Council-Manager to a Mayor-Council form, Ordinance No. 13-2019, and the composition of the CIC Board of Directors, was amended by this Council through Ordinance No. 11-2022 to comport with the new Mayor-Council form of government; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that it will benefit the City of Cleveland Heights to expand the Board of Directors of the CIC to include more community representation and to designate the Director of the Cleveland Heights Department of Planning and Development as an ex-officio CIC Board member rather than the Director of Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Ordinance No. 13-2019 and Ordinance No. 11-2022 shall be, and are hereby, amended and modified only to the extent provided herein. All provisions of Ordinance No. 13-2019 and Ordinance No. 11-2022 not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. The City Community Improvement Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors having nine (9) members, composed as follows:

- i. The Mayor
- ii. The President of Council

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- iii. The Chairperson of the Planning and Development Committee of City Council
- iv. The Director of the Department of Planning and Development
- v. Five (5) Members Appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of Council. Four (4) appointed members must be residents of Cleveland Heights.

The Mayor-appointed members to the City Community Improvement Corporation shall serve for terms of three (3) years and may be appointed for multiple terms.

Any Mayor-appointed member must have a background and expertise in real estate development or marketing, finance, banking, accounting, construction, community development, business or economic development, property management, law, or a field similarly related to the purpose of the Corporation.

Any Member who is not appointed shall hold his/her position as Member for the duration of his/her tenure in the office or position to which his/her Board Member position relates.

The City Community Improvement Corporation shall have officers as follows:

- i. President – Mayor
- ii. Vice President – President of Council
- iii. Secretary/Treasurer – as appointed by Board

SECTION 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to file amended Articles of Incorporation with the Ohio Secretary of State for the City Community Improvement Corporation, along with any related documents.

SECTION 4. The City Community Improvement Corporation shall promptly amend its Code of Regulations at its next meeting for the conducting of its business.

SECTION 5. Notice of the 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 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.



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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: 12/18/2023

Presented to Mayor: 12/22/2023

Approved: 12/27/2023



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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor