

ORDINANCE NO. 022-2025(MSES), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to apply for and accept one or more Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2025 Energized Community Grants; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio (the "City") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2025 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to enter into an agreement with NOPEC upon terms substantially similar to those contained in the draft agreement on file with the Clerk of Council to receive one or more NEC Grant(s).

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

SECTION 1. This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC to accept any available NEC Grant funds for 2025, and authorizes the Mayor to apply for and execute a Grant Agreement upon terms substantially similar to those contained in the draft agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** to accept all NEC Grant funds awarded.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. 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, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being meeting the grant deadlines. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance 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.



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TONY CUD  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: February 18, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 02/18/2025

Approved: 02/28/2025



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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor