

ORDINANCE NO. 255-2025(COTW), *Second Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

An Ordinance amending Section 140.02, "Members," of Chapter 140, "Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to expand the resident membership of the Committee from seven (7) to nine (9) members to allow for greater resident participation.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights established a Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee ("the Committee") under Chapter 140 to advise Council and the Administration on policies and initiatives promoting environmental sustainability and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, the Committee has served as a vital forum for residents and stakeholders to contribute to the City's environmental and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the strong community interest in environmental policy and the need to provide additional opportunities for resident engagement and representation in the City's sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that expanding the membership of the Committee from seven (7) to nine (9) members will enhance the Committee's capacity, diversity of expertise, and community participation, thereby strengthening its advisory role.

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

SECTION 1. Section 140.02, "Members" of Chapter 140, "Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Current Section 140.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be, and is hereby, repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. 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

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newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Ordinance to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.



GAIL L. LARSON
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: December 15, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 12/17/2025 Approved: 12/17/2025



TONY CUDDA
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

140.02 MEMBERS.

(a) The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members. Nine (9) shall be appointed by City Council. The tenth member shall be the City's Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Coordinator or Mayor's designee who shall be a non-voting member and shall serve as the Committee's Co-Chair. Voting members shall be residents of Cleveland Heights with a demonstrated interest in and/or knowledge of environmental sustainability. A good faith effort shall be made to have the appointments reflect the City's goal of racial, social and geographic diversity. Each person appointed shall first have submitted an application to serve on the Committee. Any such applicant may be asked to participate in an interview with the Council prior to appointment.

(b) Members shall serve for a two (2)-year term. Terms shall expire on the last day of December 2025 and each two (2) years thereafter.

(c) City Council, by majority vote, may remove an appointed member who misses a majority of the Committee's meetings in a calendar year and declare that member's position vacant.

(d) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(e) No compensation shall be paid to any appointed member of the Committee for services performed.

(f) Subject to approval by the President of City Council, the Chair of the Municipal Services Committee shall serve as a non-voting liaison between Council and the Committee.