

Proposed: 12/05/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2022(MSES), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution agreeing to allow Cuyahoga County to operate an Electric Public Utility in the City of Cleveland Heights pursuant to its powers under the State of Ohio and the Laws established by the Government of Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes that Cuyahoga County has created an Electric Public Utility pursuant to its authority established under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Ohio State Attorney General Legal Opinion (Opinion No. 2021-015), Cuyahoga County requires that it obtain formal agreements with municipalities where it seeks to operate its Electric Public Utility; and

WHEREAS, the County has great interest in developing energy microgrids in commercial, industrial and manufacturing districts which can utilize locally generated clean energy, on site battery storage and advanced technologies for resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the City of Cleveland Heights as a strong geographic location and partner to work with to develop a microgrid district within; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has no current franchise agreement with any electrical distribution utility which would hinder or foreclose its ability to allow Cuyahoga County to operate its Utility in the City and therefore be able to offer competition to customers.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Cleveland Heights agrees to allow Cuyahoga County to operate an Electric Public Utility in the City of Cleveland Heights pursuant to its powers under the State of Ohio and the Laws established by the Government of Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution 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 Resolution shall take effect and be in force from the earliest time permitted by law.

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President of the Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor