

RESOLUTION NO. 240-2025(PD), *First  
Reading*

By Mayor Cuda

A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Serpentini Chevrolet of Strongsville for the purchase of four (4) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox EV's for the Planning and Development Department and Communications Department; waiving competitive bidding; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City has recommended that Chevrolet Equinox EVs for use in conducting City business and providing services to residents and has found them to be well-suited for such purpose and economical to operate; and

WHEREAS, a total of three (3) additional vehicles are necessary to allow for the Department of Planning & Development and one (1) vehicle for the Communications Department; and

WHEREAS, four (4) new Chevrolet Equinox EVs are available through Serpentini Chevrolet of Strongsville, at attractive prices, to-wit, \$25,567.30 each; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 59-2023 accepted Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grant; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 58-2023, established a "NOPEC Fund" within the Special Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, the NOPEC fund currently has sufficient balance to purchase the four (4) available vehicles needed by the Department of Planning & Development and Communications Department.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of C.O. Chapter 171 to the contrary, this Council hereby exercises its Home Rule authority as a charter municipality under Article XVIII, Sections 3-7 of the Ohio Constitution and waives all applicable competitive bidding requirements. Further, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements and to sign any other documents necessary for the purchase of four (4) new 2026 Chevrolet Equinox EVs for the Department of Planning and Development and Communications Department. The purchase price for said vehicles shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred and Three Thousand and Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and 22/100 (\$103,969.22), plus applicable fees. All agreements and related documents hereunder shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal

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action were taken in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the purchase the specified used vehicles before another purchaser does so. 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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GAIL L. LARSON  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: November 17, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 11/19/2025 Approved: 11/20/2025



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TONY CUDA  
Mayor