

RESOLUTION NO. 253-2025(PSH), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Cuda

A Resolution adopting the City of Cleveland Heights Cybersecurity Program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 96, which took effect on September 30, 2025, enacted Section 9.64(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing compliance requirements for political subdivisions cybersecurity programs, including safeguarding data, information technology, and information technology resources, consistent with generally accepted best practices and requires that political subdivision legislative authorize a cybersecurity program for their purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State (AOS) issued Bulletin 2025-007, which requires the legislative authority of a city to adopt a formal cybersecurity program by January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has developed a cybersecurity program in accordance with ORC 9.64(C); and

WHEREAS, records and documents related to the cybersecurity program are not subject to public records disclosure under current law; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to adopt the City of Cleveland Heights Cybersecurity Program.

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

SECTION 1. Council hereby adopts the City of Cleveland Heights Cybersecurity Program, consistent with the requirements of ORC 9.64(C) and Auditor of State Bulletin 2025-007, copy attached.

SECTION 2. The Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to implement, maintain, and update the cybersecurity program to ensure continued compliance with state law and generally accepted cybersecurity best practices.

SECTION 3. All records and documents related to the cybersecurity program are exempt from public records disclosure, consistent with ORC 9.64(E).

SECTION 4. 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.

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SECTION 5. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one paper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 6. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to comply with State Law. 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.



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 CUDAS
Mayor