

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2020 (PSH)

By Council Member Russell

A Resolution ratifying the City's membership and participation in the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement ("EDGE") Agency; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 737.04 authorizes municipal corporations to enter into agreements with other municipal corporations for the services of police personnel, the use of police equipment, and the interchange of such service personnel and equipment within the territories; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Beachwood, Euclid, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights entered into an agreement establishing the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement ("EDGE") Agency in order to foster efficient and cohesive law enforcement and investigative operations amongst the participating cities and reduce conflicts between them; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, the City of Cleveland Heights joined EDGE as a participating member; and

WHEREAS, the Board of EDGE has requested that this Council ratify that City's membership and participation in EDGE; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby determines that it is in the City's best interest to continue its membership and participation in EDGE.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby ratifies the City's membership and participation in the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement ("EDGE") Agency. This Council hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to continue its membership and participation in EDGE.

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 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the timely need to ratify the City's membership and participation in EDGE to continue the same uninterrupted to further protect the safety and welfare of all residents within the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution 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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JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 1, 2020