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**UNIVERSITY CIRCLE
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF CLEVELAND
SERVICE PLAN**

The University Circle Special Improvement District of Cleveland (the “District” or “SID”) is established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1710 of the Revised Code (the “Act”). This Plan refers to the Act and any and all future amendments to the Act. Any specific statutory reference contained in this Plan shall also refer to any succeeding or amending statutory provision.

The terms and conditions regarding the District are addressed in this Plan, and include, without limitation, a petition, a schedule of assessments to be made on included property (the “Assessment Schedule”), and the governing documents forming the District. The District is formed by University Circle, Inc. as an “existing qualified nonprofit corporation” under the Act (herein referred to as “UCI”). The governing documents of the District include the Articles of Incorporation of UCI, as amended for this purpose, Code of Regulations, resolutions duly adopted by the board of directors of the District, and the applicable resolutions and ordinances of the participating political subdivisions where the real property is located (collectively, the “Governing Documents”). The Governing Documents, this Plan, the petitions, and the Assessment Schedules are referred to herein collectively as the “District Documents.”

The District Documents establish the terms and conditions of the Program. The Program terms and conditions may be amended from time to time as described herein.

I. Purpose of the Program

The Program is intended to sustain and improve community safety in University Circle through services provided by the University Circle Police Department and UCI (the “Program Services”). The City of Cleveland (the “Participating Political Subdivision”) shall levy special assessments on real property included in the District, the payment of which will pay for the costs of the Program Services and the costs of administering the Program. Special assessment payments levied to pay costs of Program Services will be due and payable by property owners at the same time real property taxes are due.

II. The District’s Governance

The District shall be governed, pursuant to the District Documents and the Act, by the Board of Trustees of UCI functioning in the capacity of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) all in accordance with the Act.

Pursuant to the Act, other Ohio law, and any Code of Regulations adopted for the governance of UCI, the Board may from time to time, and under such conditions as the Board determines, delegate any or all of the authority contained in this Plan to a sub-committee or to an agent, independent contractor, or employee of the District or the Board.

III. District Area Description

The District Area shall contain the territory within the boundaries depicted in the map of the District attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference and is largely congruous with the University Circle, Inc. service boundary within the City of Cleveland.

IV. Description of Services Provided

The Program is intended to sustain and improve community safety in University Circle through services provided by the University Circle Police Department (UCPD) and UCI. The UCPD is a community police department with full law enforcement authority granted by state law. The presence of the UCPD, along with its reputation for quick response, is intended to be a strong deterrent to criminal activity in the District. Minimized opportunity coupled with timely and decisive intervention in actual criminal incidents has characterized the UCPD's public safety strategy since its inception. In keeping with its preventative methods, the UCPD will:

- Work closely with UCI's member institutions and property owners in focusing on crime prevention.
- Support the principles of community policing, a concept which recognizes the interdependence and shared responsibility of police and community, as the best approach to problem solving.
- Work in partnership and share resources with the Case Western Reserve University Security Department, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center Police Department, and other University Circle institutional forces to enhance personal safety in the District.
- Make crime prevention presentations, upon request, to the employees and constituents of University Circle institutions, businesses and other properties, as well as to neighborhood groups and University Circle residents in the interest of promoting public awareness and cooperation.
- Provide various additional measures to ensure transparency and accountability to the communities it serves, as outlined in Section IX.

As a full-service police department, the UCPD will provide the following services:

- 24-hour patrol in marked vehicles;
- Foot and bicycle patrols in designated areas;
- Rapid response to emergency calls;
- Surveillance using plainclothes officers and unmarked vehicles;
- Apprehension and arrest of criminals, as well as criminal investigations conducted by the UCPD Detective Bureau;
- Handling of many non-criminal incidents involving vehicles, missing persons, and disturbance complaints;
- Additional community services that contribute to the overall well-being of University Circle and are critical to the maintenance of public safety, including:

- Mental health crisis intervention and social services co-response;
- Expanded officer training;
- Comprehensive assistance to motor vehicle owners and operators;
- Traffic control;
- Special property checks;
- Managing Project Yield, the district's pedestrian safety initiative;
- Working with community stakeholders to advance local initiatives, including the Pedal with Police program, bicycle and pedestrian safety messaging, and bicycle/shared mobility safety events;
- Tracking pedestrian safety data to inform programs, advocacy, and enforcement efforts;
- Serving as a District representative for citywide Vision Zero efforts.

V. Program Budget

The baseline budget in Year 1 (2024) is \$3,500,000. The budget will increase by 3% annually, through 2028, as follows:

- 2024: \$3,500,000
- 2025: \$3,605,000
- 2026: \$3,713,150
- 2027: \$3,824,544
- 2028: \$3,939,280

Additional payments to for UCPD and UCI transportation safety services may be collected on a case-by-case basis for services above and beyond those listed above or by property owners or other supporters outside the District.

VI. Assessment Methodology

The assessment of eligible properties within the District is based on equal parts 1) serviceable frontage, 2) gross certified value, and 3) land area. The values for each property are derived from County records and additional frontage measurements conducted using the Cuyahoga County Web Mapping Application. The figures have been verified by the City of Cleveland's Division of Engineering and Division of Assessments and Licenses. Additional conditions include:

- A maximum of two serviceable frontages are included in the assessment calculation for each property.
- Properties with a County tax land use code of 1-Family, 2-Family, 3-Family, or Residential Condo are not included in the assessment.

- Per ORC Section 1710.03, properties owned by public entities are not included in the assessment unless such entity specifically requests in writing that its property be included in the District.
- Per ORC Section 1710.03, church properties are not included in the assessment unless the church specifically requests in writing that its property be included in the District.
- Railroad right of way properties traveling through the district with no additional facilities are not included in the assessment.
- Cemeteries within the District service area will be assessed based on serviceable frontage and property value alone; their land area is not included.

VII. Period of Assessment

The term of the assessment will be for five (5) years beginning with Tax Collection Year 2024 through Tax Collection Year 2028, with collections spanning those collection years 2024 through 2028.

The amount of voluntary assessments or other amounts payable to UCI under arrangements with its members established prior to the establishment of the District, including, without limitation, those for the period from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, shall remain due and payable notwithstanding anything hereto to the contrary.

VIII. Program Administration & Design

- A. Administration: The Board is hereby authorized to provide for ongoing services to the District, its property, and the property owners. All services provided under this Plan shall be deemed to be services provided in furtherance of Program Services under this Plan.

Pursuant to the Act, such Program costs may be included in the special assessments levied on real property within the District.

- B. Design: The determination of services provided and budget required to perform these services will be made by the Board of Directors. The Board will solicit feedback from eligible property owners within the Service Area on a regular basis (see Section IX) and will incorporate this input into future Service Plans.

IX. Accountability & Reporting

This Plan and the Safety Services Program should be accountable to the community it serves and the property owners who support it. This includes provisions for Board and community oversight, as well as measures to promote transparency. To these ends, the following practices will be instituted as a component of the Service Program:

- A. A Citizen Review Board will exist to field and review citizen complaints against the UCPD and to meet the requirements of the City of Cleveland's Memorandum of Understanding that enables the UCPD to operate within the city.
- B. After establishment of the District, a University Circle Safety Services Advisory Committee will be created for the purpose of providing additional oversight and advisory capacity from property owners within in the SID service area.
- C. Each year, an Annual Report will be published by UCI on behalf of the SID, detailing the revenues and expenditures of the SID, outlining key programs and services, and performance measures, as defined by the above bodies.
- D. Prior to the expiration of the five-year term, the SID will re-evaluate the Service Plan, Program, and Budget with its members and contributing property owners to confirm the effectiveness of the programs and services provided.