

# ADDENDUM: SID GUIDEBOOK

## AN EXISTING NON-PROFIT FORMS A SID TO FUND POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND UNIVERSITY CIRCLE, INC.

The Cleveland neighborhood called University Circle is home to many of Cleveland's cultural, health, and educational institutions including the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Orchestra Severance Music Center, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, Case Western Reserve University, and Lakeview Cemetery. The operations of the neighborhood are directed by the University Circle, Inc. non-profit organization (UCI).

University Circle has a state-recognized police department that was established in 1959 through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Cleveland. The MOU allows the University Circle Police Department (UCPD) to operate within Cleveland. Possessing all the powers of a municipal police department, the UCPD provides safety and security services to the 1.2 square mile University Circle neighborhood.

The UCPD has cooperative agreements with the Case Western Reserve University Division of Public Safety and the University Hospitals Police Department to supply services to those campus areas. Additionally, the UCPD has a MOU with the Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation to supply services to the nearby Little Italy neighborhood.

### ASSESSMENTS FUND THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The University Circle Special Improvement District (SID) was formed by UCI in 2025 to provide sustainable funding for the UCPD. Assessments collected from properties within the district will fund services that provide additional capabilities for the police department. These include adding mental health crisis intervention capacity, hiring social workers as co-responders, adding bicycle patrols, and expanding officer training including non-bias training.

The assessments for eligible properties within the SID are based on equal parts: 1) the property's serviceable frontage; 2) the gross certified property value; and 3) the land area. A maximum of two serviceable frontages (a primary and a secondary frontage) are included in the assessment calculation for each property. The following property types are not included in the assessment: 1-Family, 2-Family, 3-Family, Residential Condo, Common Area Platted, and Residential Vacant Land. Properties owned by public entities and churches are not assessed unless the entity or church specifically requests in writing to be included in the SID. Cemeteries within the SID are assessed based on serviceable frontage and gross certified property value alone; their land area is not included. Railroad right-of-way properties traveling through the SID with no additional facilities are not included in the assessment.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ten-member SID governing board includes six members of the UCI governing board - three at-large UCI governing board members and three UCI governing board members that represent UCI member organizations. The remaining four SID governing board members include: one representative appointed by the Cleveland Mayor, one representative appointed by the Cleveland City Council, and two representatives of University Circle member organizations.

Accountability to the community is an important component of the Services Plan for the University Circle SID. Pursuant to the MOU that enables the UCPD to operate in Cleveland, a Citizens Review Board exists to field and review citizen complaints against the UCPD. A University Circle Safety Services Advisory Committee will be created for the purpose of providing additional oversight and advisory capacity from property owners within the SID service area.

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN



University Circle Special Improvement District	
Community	City of Cleveland
Establishment	2025
Budget	\$3,900,000
Assessments	1/3 of serviceable frontage; 1/3 of gross certified property value; 1/3 of land area