

Ordinance No. 630-2026

By Council Members Kazy and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To repeal Ordinance No. 583-2023, passed October 2, 2023, authorizing the Director of finance to enter into a development agreement with SiFi Networks Cleveland LLC, or its designee, successor and assignees, to install, operate and maintain a citywide fiber optic network system in the City's public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 583-2023, passed October 2, 2023, authorized the Director of Finance to enter into a development with SiFi Networks Cleveland LLC, or its designee, ("Sifi") to install, operate, and maintain a citywide fiber optic network in the City's public right-of-way intended to expand high-speed broadband access; and

WHEREAS, SiFi has failed to fulfill its commitments to the City, including but not limited to, the failure to install any fiber infrastructure, to identify final installation sites, to apply for or obtain necessary permits, and to commence any construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the absence of progress and nonperformance by SiFi constitutes a failure to deliver on its commitments to the City and undermines the intended public benefits of the authorized project; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in its best interest to terminate its association with SiFi and pursue alternative means of achieving its broadband infrastructure goals; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 583-2023, passed October 2, 2023, is repealed.

Section 2. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Crowe

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