

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2013-400

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3 SPONSORS Mr. Pry, Mr. Feeman, Ms. Prentice, Mr. Comunale, Mr. Crawford,  
4 Mr. Kostandaras, Ms. Kurt, Ms. Lee, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Shapiro

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6 DATE September 16, 2013 COMMITTEE Personnel

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8 **An amended Ordinance amending Sections 169.02, 169.15 and 169.22 of the Codified**  
9 **Ordinances of the County of Summit, to clearly provide for health insurance benefits for**  
10 **spouses, domestic partners, and dependents and to make certain other clerical and**  
11 **technical revisions to the provisions of those Sections concerning domestic partners for the**  
12 **Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, and declaring an**  
13 **emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, Section 169.15 of the Codified Ordinances sets forth employees' eligibility  
16 for benefits coverage but does not address spouses, domestic partners or dependents; and

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18 WHEREAS, this Council has historically approved, and the Executive has historically  
19 offered, health insurance benefits to the spouses and dependents of county employees; and

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21 WHEREAS, this Council and the Executive desire to amend Section 169.15 to expressly  
22 state the eligibility of spouses and dependents to receive health insurance benefits; and

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24 WHEREAS, for purposes of equality, competitiveness, employee retention and employee  
25 attraction, this Council and the Executive desire to further amend Section 169.15 to expressly  
26 provide for the eligibility of domestic partners of a county employee to receive health insurance  
27 benefits; and

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29 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the amendment to Section 169.15 to add the eligibility  
30 of domestic partners, it is necessary to make certain clerical and technical revisions to Sections  
31 169.02 and 169.22 to maintain a consistent definition of domestic partner throughout Chapter  
32 169; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of this Council to amend the aforementioned Sections  
36 for the reasons set forth above.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
39 of Ohio, that:

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41 SECTION 1

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43 Sections 169.02, 169.15 and 169.22 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit  
44 are hereby amended as set forth on amended Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein  
45 by reference.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
50 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for further purpose of immediately  
51 clarifying the eligibility of spouses, domestic partners and dependents of employees for health  
52 benefits through the County prior to the open enrollment period for 2014 benefits.

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4 SECTION 3

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6 Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
8 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
13 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED August 26, 2013

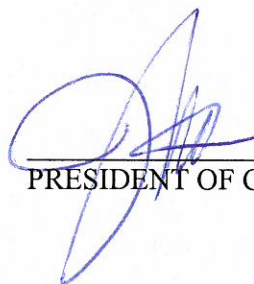
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21 ADOPTED September 16, 2013

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

26 APPROVED September 23, 2013

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30 EXECUTIVE

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32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 23, 2013

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Voice Vote: 8-2. YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras,  
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Schmidt. NO: Rodgers, Roemer. ABSENT: Shapiro